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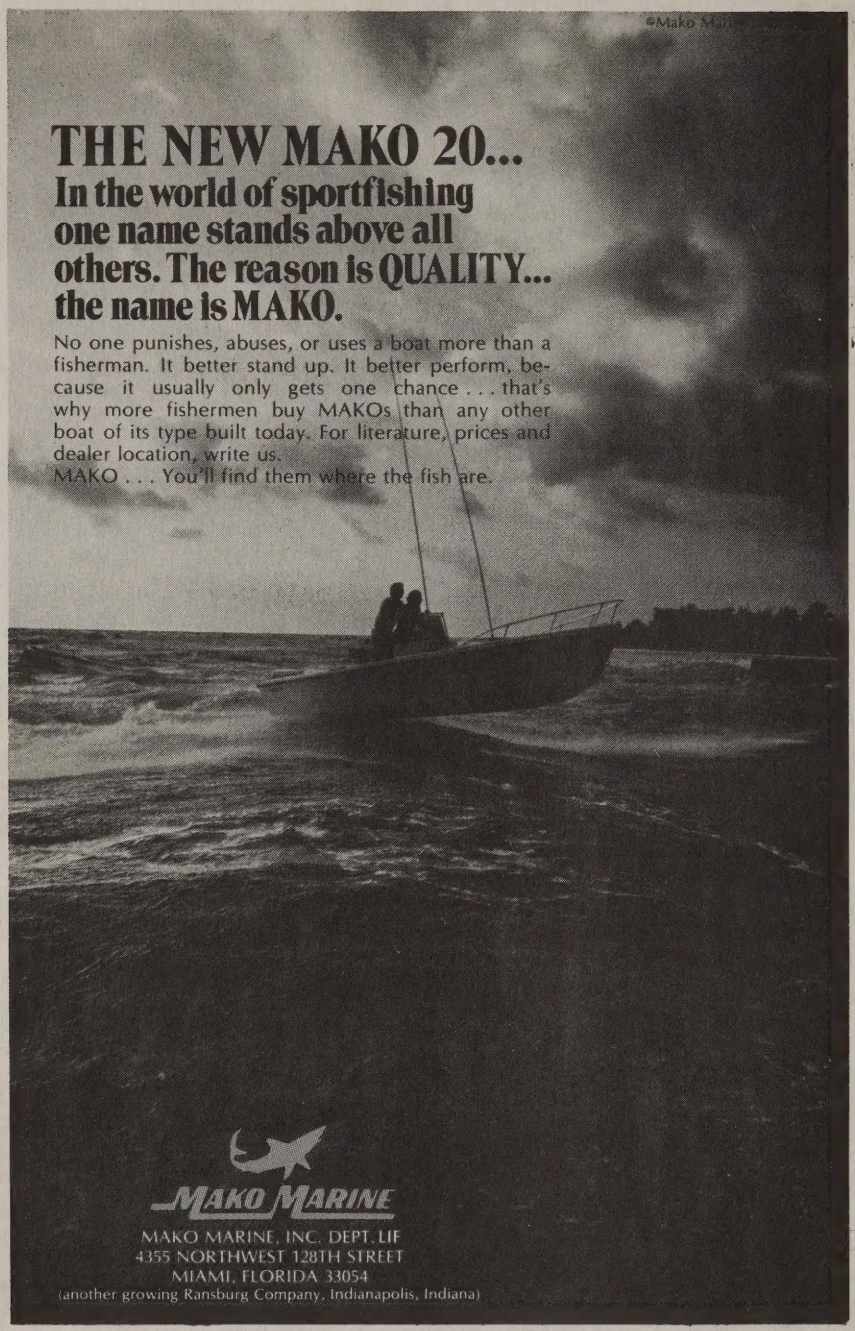
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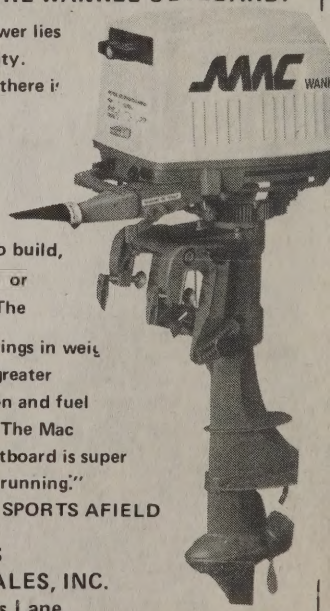

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Gene Mermon cuts and tosses chunked mackerel and bunker into the chum slick as the seagulls and Mother Carries chickens feed on the floating pieces. See "So You Want To Monster Fish" on page 10.

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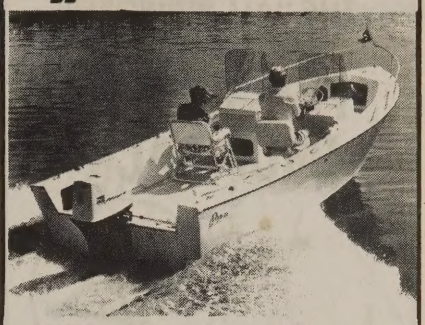

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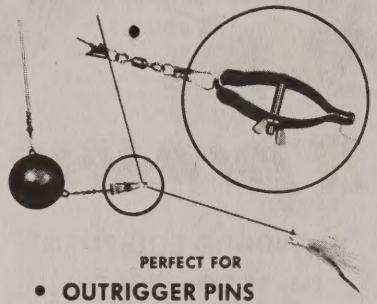

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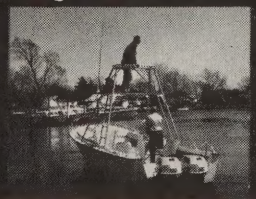

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PATS ON OUR BACK

Following directions given to me by Long Island Fisherman personnel, my wife and I headed, on the morning of June 2, to Lake Ronkonkoma for a weekend of bass fishing. Never having fished this area, I did not know what to expect. Well, to make a long story short, for a total of eleven hours of fishing over the two days my wife and I caught a total of 29 bass with the range of the eight largest from 3½ to 5½ pounds (all others were released, though a good percentage were keepers). Incidentally, my wife caught the 5½ pound lunker.

The lethal lures were a 6-inch black plastic worm fished both free floating and sinking, and Mepp's Spinners. Regardless of the lure fished, it was essential that the retrieve be as slow as possible.

Angelo Peluso
Flushing, N.Y.

Please find enclosed picture, showing our fine catch of weakfish that "you made possible." We fished on Saturday, June 2, 1973 from Heckscher State Park. This was our first time ever to fish for weakfish. We fished by Buoy #4 using small pink Salty Dog shrimps on 12 lb. test line and light fresh water tackle. We caught 28 weakfish from 3 to 5 lbs., the two biggest going 7¾ and 8¼ lbs. We also lost about 12 fish. When the blitz was on we were shocked to see at least four other fish following the hooked fish in, trying to take the lure from its mouth. We would like to thank LIF who made this "unforgetable" trip possible with its fine articles and acurate information. We know we can speak for all the fishermen who read L.I.F. who don't have the time to write, due to fishing which you make possible, that we would like to "thank" the entire staff for always doing a great job.

P.S. Our deepest sympathy to the Reinfelder family.

Talat Tufan
Gary Sokolsky
Skip Kwiatkowski
(all from Brooklyn, N.Y.)

My husband subscribes to L.I.F., and next to the U.S. News and World Report, it is my favorite periodical.

I did every type of fishing till I wound up in a wheel chair, due to rheumatoid arthritis. It is twelve years now.

My love for fishing is still very strong, and I love to read your magazine each week. If it arrives a day late, I really look for it.

Your articles are very good so please don't change them. Thank you for the pleasure I receive.

Mrs. Ruth D. Lundquist
E. Patchogue, N.Y.

A LETTER TO MR. NIXON

Dear Sir:

My name is John Gunduz and I am a 17 year old student hoping to go into politics. I am also an avid pursuer of the phantom of the ocean - the striped bass. For many years I have battled this great American fish on both coasts of our great nation. He has given me many memorable adventures, baffled and puzzled me at times, and overwhelmed me at others. He is very unique, sir. The turbulent crashing waters too tough for anything else he considers his home. He is free-spirited and travels thousands of miles in search of food and sound waters, never flawing and overcoming everything in his way. A lot like our early pioneers' travels. He is frisky and free, and is almost never kept alive in captivity. A lot like us Americans. When he is hooked he fights with all his heart and soul, and never gives up. Even when he is boated he still fights and fights for his freedom until his couragious heart stops beating. Sort of reminds you of the way we fought to build and protect this country, does it not, sir? So you see, sir, he is not just a mere fish but an idea, and feeling and spirit of America, for this is the only place in the world where he is found. But, sir, he is in big trouble. Pollution, of course, has taken its toll but more so, sir, it is that he is not legally considered a protected fish but a commercial fish free to be netted and slaughtered by the millions. We must

preserve him, sir, for once he's gone he'll never be back. In this short message I've tried to tell you what this great fish represents to me, and of the urgent need to protect him. So please sir, try to find it in good judgment and heart to declare him a game fish which cannot be netted commercially, so that our grandchildren may enjoy his antics in the great years to come.

Thank you for your time, sir
John Grundy
New York, N.Y.

News Releases

RECYCLING BEGINS AT HOME

Concerned about accumulating trash damaging your environment? Then fight it! Start by examining your own trash-generating habits, then find ways to cut down. Ms. Margaret O.Steen, Suffolk County Extension Agent, offers these suggestions:

You can cut paper consumption by substituting cloth products for paper and throwaways. Reuse paper bags and take newspapers to recycling centers. Writing paper has two perfectly good sides - use them. Buy returnable bottles rather than throwaways. Recycle glass products at home. Use wide mouth jars with tight fitting lids for storage and leftovers. Make decorative items or lamp bases from fancy bottles. Empty cans can also be recycled. Coffee and shortening cans with plastic lids can be covered with contact to make lovely canisters.

CLUB NEWS

HUDSON RIVER FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION SAYS, "BRING BACK 1899!"

As Pete Seeger of the Clearwater sang at the HRFA banquet, the current theme among New York based HRFA members is "Bring Back 1899." Fred Danback and others are now starting a letter writing campaign to alert their congressmen and representatives to introduce the old act anew, or enact an entirely new bill similar in wording and strength. WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMEN, TOO. Let's get the ball rolling. It may be possible to get rid of that nonsensical bit of legislation passed by last year's Congress as an "Anti-pollution Bill."

CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

JONES BEACH, CAPTREE & ROBERT MOSES STATE PARK FISHING CONTEST

1973 May Contest Winners

From The Surf

1. Ralph Tepedino, 440 Tenth St., W. Babylon, N.Y., Weakfish, 7 lbs., 15 ozs., Gilgo Beach, 23 13/16 pts.
2. Gaetano Marino, 93 Jean Rd., West Islip, N.Y., Weakfish, 7 lbs., 8 ozs., Robert Moses, 22 8/16 pts.

From The Pier & Bank

1. Julien Jackson, 165 Park Row, Manhattan, N.Y., Weakfish, 8 lbs., 11 ozs., Captree Bank, 26 1/16 pts.
2. Peter Hoo, 180 South Street, Manhattan, N.Y., Blackfish, 7 lbs., 15 ozs., Jones Beach Bank, 23 13/16 pts.

From The Boat

1. Ethel Gilligan, 739 Westy St., Baldwin, N.Y., Weakfish, 8 lbs., 9 ozs., Capt. Rod Westerlind, 25 11/16 pts.
2. Larry McCall, 1087 Straight Path, W. Babylon, N.Y., Weakfish, 8 lbs., 6 ozs., Capt. George Tweedy, 25 2/16 pts.

BAY SHORE SHARK TOURNAMENT RESULTS

There were 240 sharks weighed in Saturday at the Bay Shore Marina for the 12th Annual Bay Shore Mako Tournament, which is sponsored by the Bay Shore Tuna Club. Unlike last years absence of the Mako, this year's tournament saw 27 Mako hit the dock. Anglers also boated blue, white, ducky, hammerhead, brown and tiger sharks.

First place in the Mako division was taken by Glen Grippo of Bellmore, fishing under the banner of the East Bay Anglers, who boated a 411 lb. Mako shark.

Other results were:

TOTAL WEIGHT OF SHARKS

1. Oakdale Sportsmen's Club, Oakdale, 3013 lbs.; 2. East Bay Anglers, Massapequa, 913; 3. Squadron Anglers, Massapequa, 723.

MAKO

1. Gelnn Grippo, East Bay Anglers, Massapequa, 411; 2. Roy Schmidt, Oakdale Sportsmen's Club, Oakdale, 367; 3. Red Enoksen, Oakdale Sportsmen's Club, Oakdale, 244.

OTHER SHARKS

1. Jack O'Donnell, Oakdale Sportsmen's Club, Oakdale, 171; 2. Sig Signorelli, Massapequa Park, 156; 3. Larry Sullivan, Bay Shore, 151.

WOMEN

1. Joan Conford, Atlantic Highlands, N.J., 215 (mako); 2. Eve Brand, West Babylon, 148 (mako); 3. Susan McCord, West Islip, 123 (brown).

BOATS

1. Kari Lynn, Oakdale Sportsmen's Club, Oakdale, 1,672.

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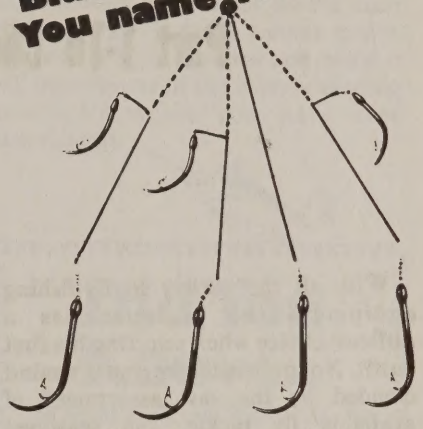

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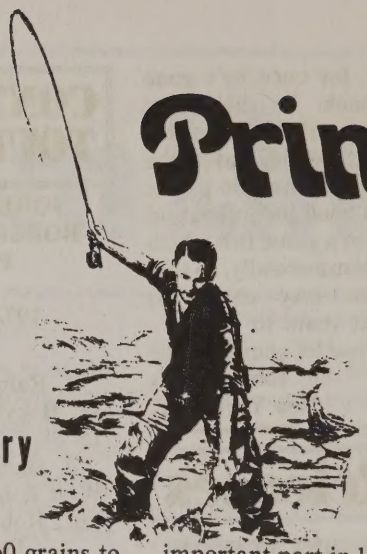
Fly-Fishing Primer:

Part 1-To Chose A Fly Outfit



by Lou Tabory

With all the variety in fly-fishing equipment the beginner has a difficult choice when selecting his first outfit. Not only is the beginner's mind clouded by the vast assortment of available fly tackle, the seasoned angler is also confused by this overabundance of apparel. The dry fly fisherman of many years might find himself in total confusion when trying to buy a salt water fly outfit: not only is he in a different ball park, but he also has to discard that book of rules because salt water fly fishing has a much different format. Likewise the salt water angler faces this same problem when trying his hand at fresh water fly fishing.

The first decision to make is what type of fly fishing the angler will be doing. We can divide this into two categories: fresh water and salt water. If it's fresh water we then have to decide what species of fish the angler plans to pursue. In most cases trout are the most popular fresh water fish. They take flies readily and are abundant in most streams in our area. If trout are the only type of fish the angler plans to fish for he must then decide where he plans to fish: lakes, ponds, large streams and small streams all have slightly different requirements for tackle. A good all-around fly outfit for trout is one which is designed for a No. 6 line and is about 7 to 8 feet in length. It's easier to decide which line matches your type of fishing than to buy a rod to fit the line. In general, the No. 6 outfit will handle most situations; it's light enough for small streams yet will cover many of the larger waters. Even in mid-summer, when water is low, a No. 6 line can be presented with fairly little commotion.

For those of you that aren't familiar with the way fly line is classified - it's simple! Fly lines are made in weights from No. 1 to No. 12, or, 60 grains to 380 grains. The most common weights are Nos. 4-11. Most modern fly rods have their proper line weight printed on the rod just above the handle. Simply decide what weight line you will have to use and then buy a matching rod. For now don't try to figure why, how, or what; it is often too confusing for the beginner. Spend your time reading how to cast and present a fly, and practice.

As I mentioned in the last few paragraphs a No. 6 line is a good, all-around line for trout fishing. If an angler wanted to cover all the trout fishing in New England he would have to have a selection of lines from a No. 4 to a No. 8 with outfits to match. The No. 6 line would cover 90% of these situations.

Trout are not the only fish that swim in fresh water; largemouth and smallmouth bass are also great sport. Bass fishing in general is done on a larger scale than trout fishing. Bass tend to feed on much larger baits than do trout, so a heavier fly rod must be employed. An 8 to 9 foot rod that will cast a No. 8 line is fine for a general purpose bass-bugging outfit. If so desired, a good compromise to fish for both trout and bass would be a No. 7 outfit. When anything is compromised something is usually lost at both ends, but in this case the loss isn't too great. A good rod which is designed for a No. 7 line can be overloaded one line size and underloaded one line size. In this case you can have your cake and eat it, too! For panfish, any one of the outfits I've mentioned so far will do the trick.

We have not discussed the reel yet for I feel it is the item of least importance. In fresh water fishing it does little more than hold the line. Any single action fly reel will work as long as it balances with the rod. Only in salt water does the reel play an important part in landing the fish. I'll discuss this later under salt water fly fishing.

The salt water side of fly fishing tends to discourage many anglers. To the beginner it means learning something new under a very harsh environment. The large outfits, enormous flies and adverse conditions tend to discourage even the hardiest angler. To the sweet water longrodder it means doubling the sizes of his equipment and his casting distance. Most fresh water fishing calls for casts of under 40 feet. On the other hand, a salt water fly rodder should be able to cast 70 to 80 feet. Many times through wind conditions, large flies, heavy surf or bad footing the feather mechanic will have to make the equivilent of an 80 foot cast to get his fly out 40 feet. Though it sounds confusing, with the proper instruction and equipment, salt water fly-rodding can become a very rewarding sport in short order.

It's relatively easy to choose a salt water fly outfit. In this area there are four major species to fish for: mackerel; striped bass; bluefish; weakfish. I'll throw in pollack as a fifth. All those that I've mentioned feed on basically the same baitfish. At times the larger members of one species will feed on the smaller members of another but in general their feeding habits are the same.

At certain times of the year all feed on small baitfish which the fly rodder can easily simulate. This takes the guess work out of choosing a fly outfit. A stout 9 foot fly rod which will cast a No. 10 or 11 line is perfect. If an angler plans to fish from Maine to Maryland he can cover nearly all situations with one rod. I prefer the heavier rod. When the wind blows or the angler is using heavy flies it is a real advantage to have the larger outfit.

The reel in a salt water outfit is still the least important part. Like its fresh water counterpart its purpose is to hold line. Unlike the fresh water outfit it must, in addition, serve an important part in playing the fish. A salt water fly reel must be sturdily built to withstand the pressure which is applied when fighting a heavy fish. It should be constructed of a corrosive-resistant metal, for salt water has a way of finding faults in a reel.

Another important feature of a salt water fly reel in an adequate line capacity. The reel should hold at least 150 yards of 20 pound test dacron backing plus the fly line; I prefer 200 to 250 yards of backing plus fly line. It might be used only once, but that one time will make it worth having!

There are many different types of fly reels costing anywhere from $10.00 to over $100.00. My advice is to invest in a good rod and a good line, and skimp on the reel. For a beginner a well-made single-action fly reel will do the job nicely. First see if you like the sport, then you can always pick up a better reel. In both fresh and salt water many trophy fish have been taken on an inexpensive single-action fly reel.

Choosing the right make fly rod is tough, for there are many good rods on the market. The problem is which one is right for you. I feel fiberglass is the best bet for both fresh and salt water. Bamboo rods are good looking but they are too expensive. With the development of better glass in the last ten years the glass rods are out-performing the wood rods. In salt water the bamboo rods don't hold up well and are heavy.

The price of a good glass rod can range from $30.00 to about $90.00. Some manufacturers make less expensive rods which are quite satisfactory, and some of these may be considered for a starting rod. If it's possible to talk to someone that has done a good deal of fly fishing, do it. You can't beat experienced advice in any sport. He can advise you as to the best tackle for the money, and keep you from making the same mistakes he made.

The local tackle dealer can also be of great help in choosing the right equipment. Most dealers have a good selection to choose from and can advise, through experience, what tackle is suited for your area.

This is the first of several articles on fly fishing. In the coming weeks I will try to cover all the phases of fly fishing: knots, different lines and their uses, flies, casting techniques, fresh and salt water fishing techniques will all be discussed.

Fly fishing to me is the greatest way to catch fish. At times it can be the hardest, most discouraging, way to fish. At other times it can be the most effective way. It doesn't come easily, but with a little practice and work it will become one of the most rewarding accomplishments you have ever experienced.

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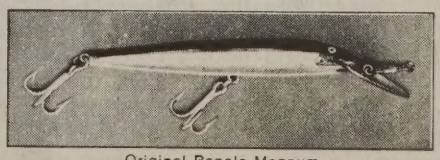

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TO BUG A BASS

by Don Vetter

Sun sinking level with the treetops, the afternoon breeze dying out completely and turning the shimmering ripples of the pond's surface mirror smooth...the stillness of approaching evening, with the purple and gold of sunset reflected by the still waters, and only the soft hum of insects and the lonesome, eerie call of a mourning dove to keep me company; this was the awaited moment.

The WF8F fly line cut through the warm spring air, driven by the powerful reflex of the big 8½ foot bass rod. The leader turned over somewhat less than perfectly, dropping the cork-bodied popper a foot short of the open pocket in the bed of lily pads which had been my aiming point. While endeavoring to quietly extricate the poorly placed lure for a better aimed cast before it became hopelessly entangled in the weeds, a bulge appeared in the greensward, making straight for the quivering bug.

The popper disappeared through the weeds with the same sound a brick dropped into the water would make, and all I could do was pray the leader would take the strain as the bass bored down deep beneath the lily pads. Soon after the hook went home, old bigmouth rocketed into the air in a shower of spray and dislodged weed particles before resuming his tactic of carrying the fight subsurface. Globs of duckweed festooned the taut line as it cut its path through shoreline scum behind the enraged largemouth who had mistaken a hunk of rubber-legged cork for something edible.

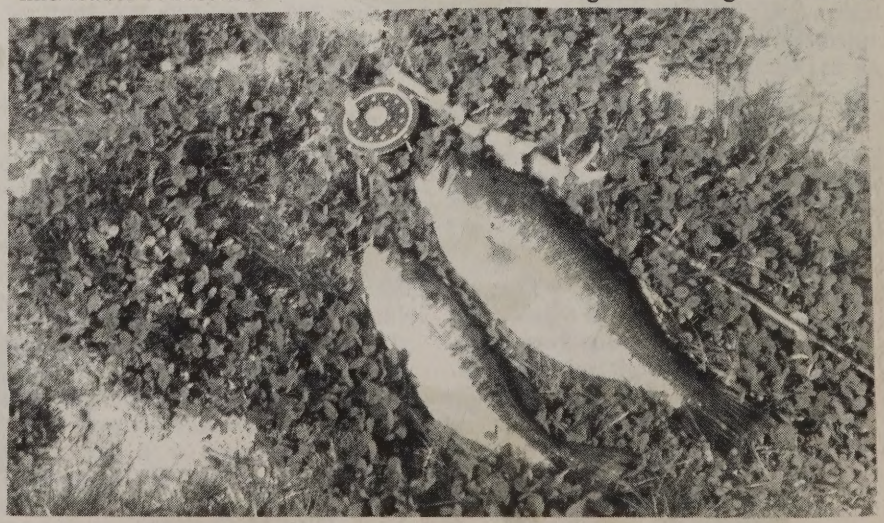
The line's forward progress stopped as the bass reached the thickest section of the weed growth to tangle the leader in. Keeping the line taut, though I could no longer feel the throb of the hooked bass, I slogged my way through duckweed, lily pads and algae, stirring up clouds of ill-smelling muck in the process until I reached the spot where the fish had "gone to ground". Was he still down there, or had he worked himself loose? Peering through the cloudy water I perceived the dark form of the bass struggling to free himself from the hook, the leader being completely fouled in the dense lily pad stems. Reaching down with the old thumb in the lower jaw grip I hoisted bass, weeds and all, into the fading daylight; thank heaven for heavy leaders!

The basic reason for using a heavy leader for bass bugging is not so much to deal with situations such as the one just described, but rather to expedite controlling the wind-resistant bug; to turn it over properly at the end of the cast, rather than have it drop behind the line-point. Length of leader is also important in this respect. A stiff-butted six foot leader, or seven and a half foot at most, will serve far better than would a longer one. The lead should be as stiff as possible with a tippet no lighter than eight pound test, ten or twelve being preferable in most cases. Leader and line are joined most efficiently by means of the modified nail knot. To make this knot, a needle is inserted into the line point and pushed out about half an inch down the line. The leader butt is then inserted through the hole and drawn up the line a ways. A small length of soda-straw is placed parallel to the line, and the leader wrapped several turns around straw and line. The leader butt is then passed through the straw, back toward the line point. The straw is removed, the knot pulled taut and trimmed, and you have a neat line/leader connection.

Line and rod figure heavily in performance when it comes to fly rod bassing; a well matched outfit can be a joy to use, while an unsuitable rig could impel you to take up golf after a frustrating day or two on the water. A floating bug taper (WF - weight forward) in the 8 or 9 weight range, with an eight and one half foot fly rod to propel it, is a must. Sure, you can get by with a lighter outfit, particularly if you are an experienced fly caster, but even then you would find yourself limited to the smaller, less wind resistant bugs, and shorter rods lack the leverage so necessary in bass bugging.

As in all surface bass fishing, the wind is always an important factor. The calmer the surface the better are your chances for success, as unruffled water will give the fish a better upward view and therefore make them more likely to be looking for a meal at the top. Morning and evening are the peak surface-feeding times, though the fish may be active even at mid day, very early or very late in the season. It is a waste of time to surface fish in more than six feet of water, for largemouths will simply not rise from the depths to slam a top water lure, however tempting it may appear. The shoreline stumps, snags and weedbeds are the places to ply your bug.

In fishing a bass bug, be it cork,



A brace of bugged Largemouth Bass

plastic, deer hair or sponge rubber, there is one all too commonly made mistake, even amongst fishermen who should know better: they begin to work the lure too soon. When you drop that bug into a likely-looking pocket count to thirty, slowly, before imparting any motion to the lure. Through a penchant of mine for record keeping, I find that through the years more bass hit my bug while resting motionless (usually within the first ten seconds after hitting the water) than after I began to work it. Of those bass which struck during the retrieve, it was the first twitch or two that did the job. Lesson learned: let the bug sit a while, then give a few light twitches with plenty of pause in between - if this doesn't produce a strike, cast to another spot rather than working the bug any further.

The cork or plastic-bodied popper invariably has a dished-out head to produce a loud and distinctive "glurb" sound on the water when jerked sharply. The theory behind this is that the sound imitates that of a feeding bass and will arouse the curiosity of any bigmouth in the vicinity. Though they may produce when worked in this manner it is more often the light twitch, just enough to set the bug's rubber legs quivering, which will elicit the smashing strike we all love to behold.

There are two theories as to why bass take surface lures so readily: one (to which I subscribe) is that they assume that object you cast to them is good to eat, and proceed to try and eat it. The other is that the bass is annoyed by the intrusion (literally "bugged") and strikes out of anger. Whatever Mr. largemouth's motives, he certainly does take those poppers with abandon, so why not get out there and bug a bass or two?

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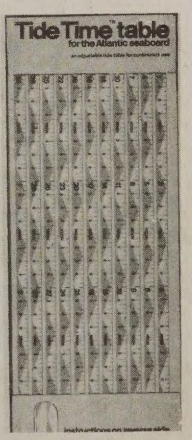

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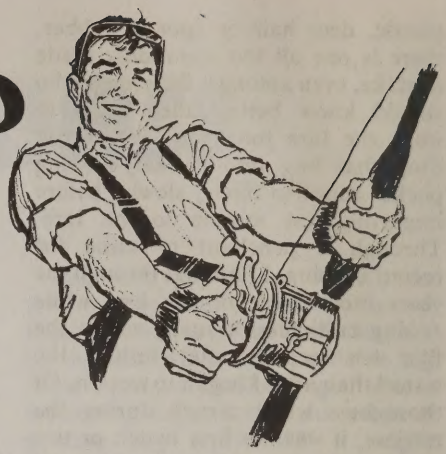
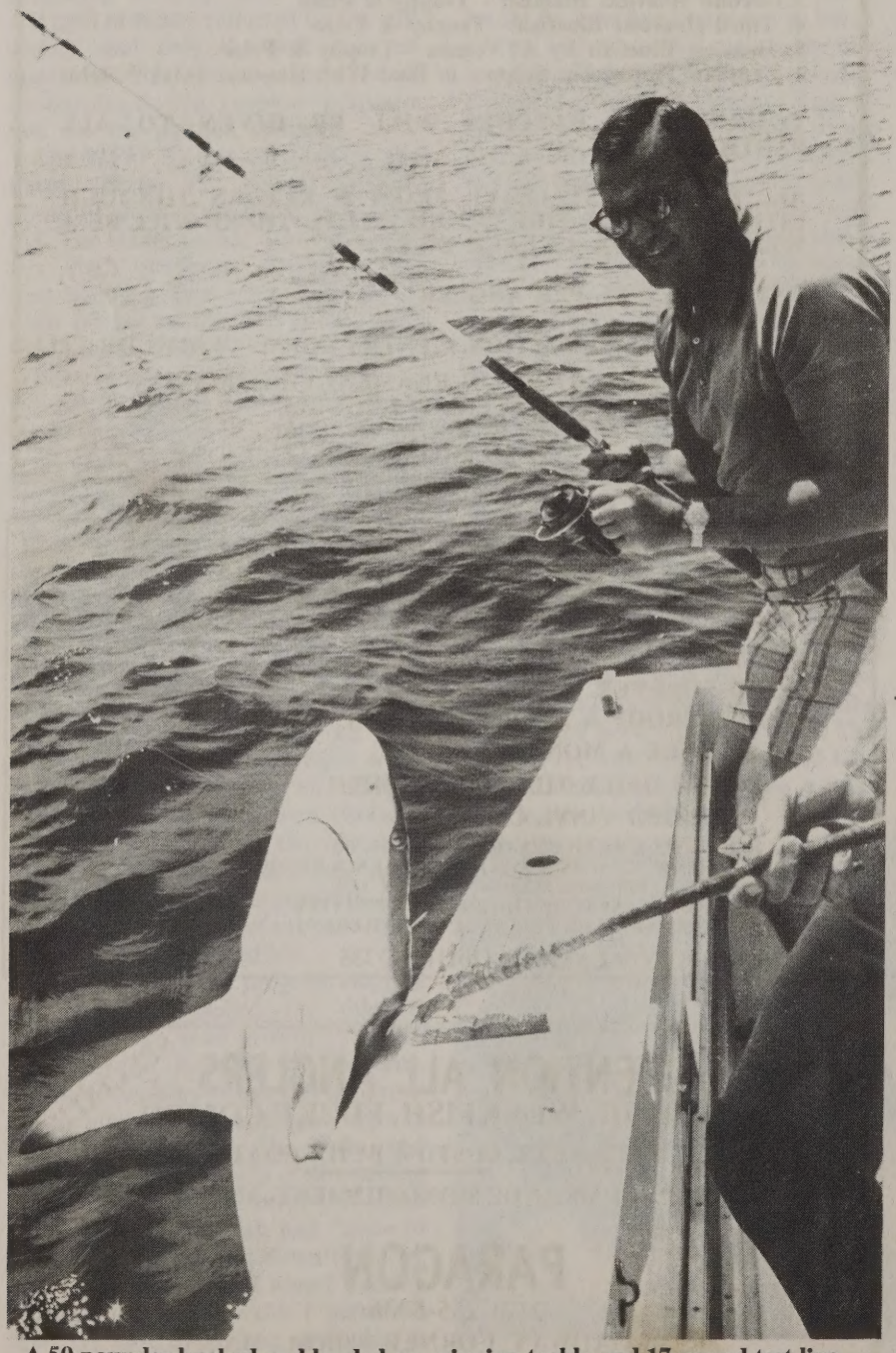
Part 1 Getting Ready For the Big Day

by Dick Mermon





A 50 pounder,hooked and landed on spinning tackle and 17 pound test line.

"Monsters," better known as sharks, have become a sought after big game fish on the list of the sport fishermen. Years ago they were pests to these sportsmen but thanks to a man named Frank Mundus, and several others, shark fishing has become a welcome change to a great number of sports fishermen.

Fishing for sharks is no big secret, nor is there any "special" way in which to catch them, but there is a productive way of doing it; a way so that there is very little danger to the fishermen involved. Still, caution has to be taken, as is true in all types of sporting events.

One major factor to remember is that ALL sharks are dangerous and will bite or attack humans. The "fact" that only certain sharks will attack has been proven fallacious. With this thought in mind, keep hands and feet out of the water when the fishing begins. If you have to wash soiled hands, or if one of the party gets hot feet and tries to cool them off, do so in a bucket of water, dipped from the side: many sharks like to shade themselves under a drifting boat and they don't know the difference between a set of fingers or toes and a chunk of horsemeat.

Let's start out with the boat and the type that is best suited for this fishing. Really, any type is suitable, from twenty feet to as large as you want to go. I know of two fishermen that used a sixteen foot Lyman outboard and brought back three Mako sharks in the one hundred pound class, but they were towed around for forty five minutes by a tremendous hammerhead shark before they cut it off. This is not the safest way to shark fish but you must admit that they did have guts to try. My fishing companions and I use several different boats, depending who is available and wants company. Several times we used the twenty-one foot Boston Whaler "Outrage" and found it to be a very versatile boat and

completely dry, spacious and easy to move in from the stern to the bow when the shark makes the run that way. Other times we will hitch rides in twenty five to thirty footers. Actually, any sea-worthy boat that is capable of venturing out fifteen miles or more can be used.

There are six very important items that should be on board when the trip is to be made, and each plays a part when needed. First is a well stocked first aid kit. Next, you must have a pair of cotton work gloves in order to handle the wire leader when the shark is to be gaffed and tail-roped. The complete sharker also has a pair of wire cutters and a knife somewhere nearby and handy, not down in the cabin or on the binnacle. Both of these items could be on the belts of the fishermen, or attached to the inside of the transom. Now, the all-important gaff, which should be a "flying" type for holding onto big sharks when they are boatside. Last of all are required the tail ropes. the flying gaff gets them to the boat and the tail ropes hold the sharks secure.

The flying gaff is just what it stands for - "flying." It has a half inch rope attached to the main shaft of the steel hook, which breaks away from the handle when it is sunk into the shark. The other end of the rope has a loop on it and is attached to a cleat, which will secure the line so that it will hold the shark as it fights to get away. The break-away gaff handle is now free and clear of the hook section, and is put aside in order for you to use the tail rope.

The tail ropes are called this because they are used for roping the shark's tail. Any type of rope, nylon or hemp, or even covered cable can be fashioned into a short lasso on one end and slipped over the tail of the shark, then pulled tightly. Once this is done the shark can be brought up, tail first - head down, and the flying gaff removed. The tail rope stays on the shark and the other end is attached to the nearest tie-down. The tail-roped shark will then hang dormant and slowly die - but keep clear!!!

While on the subject of equipment, let's get settled on the tackle to be used. Once, on a shark run, we took twenty seven rods and reels of assorted types. Some of these were to be tested for the Shakespeare Company and were spinning rods and reels, since quite often we fish for these monsters with spinning tackle and land them on seventeen and twenty pound test line. But the true tackle for the job is in the 50 or 80 pound class rods, 6/0 to 10/0 reels and fifty to ninety pound test line; mono or dacron, whichever is preferred by the fisherman. Thirty pound class rods and 4/0 reels are fine for the light tackle enthusiasts but will take the angler a lot longer to land a good size shark. It takes a good fisherman to handle this type of tackle.

Hooks are the choice of the individual. I prefer a Martu or Sobey 9/0 or 10/0 hook. The leader must be wire, either braided or bronze-coated steel. Poundage to use is up to the fisherman. It should be from eighty to one hundred thirty pound test, with a few at hand rigged out for the heavier sharks that may venture into the chum slick.

Now, the all important bait. Chum is the lure that attracts the sharks from the depths to the baited rods. It can be made from a number of things but whenever somebody says "chum," right away the thought of bunker is brought

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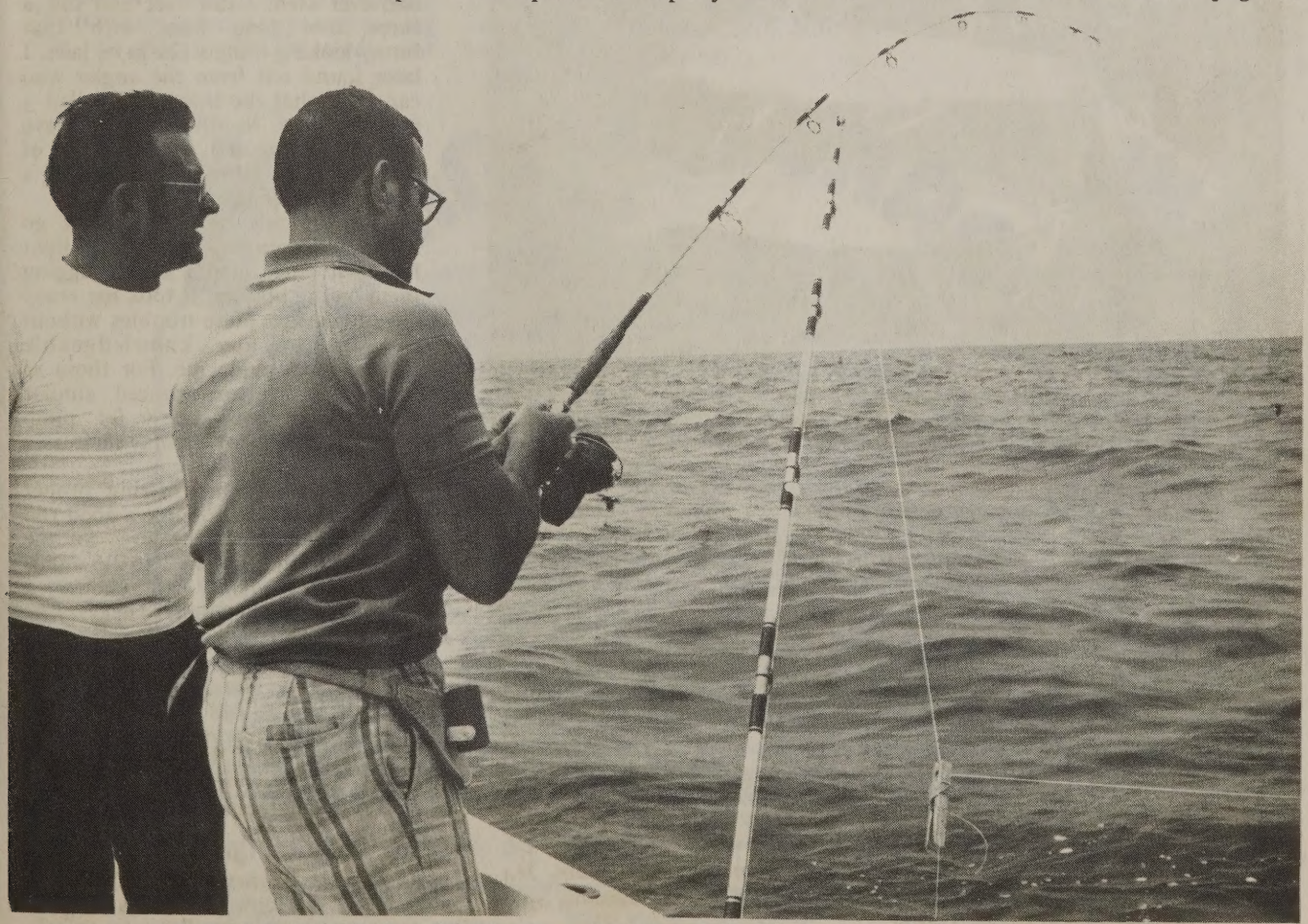
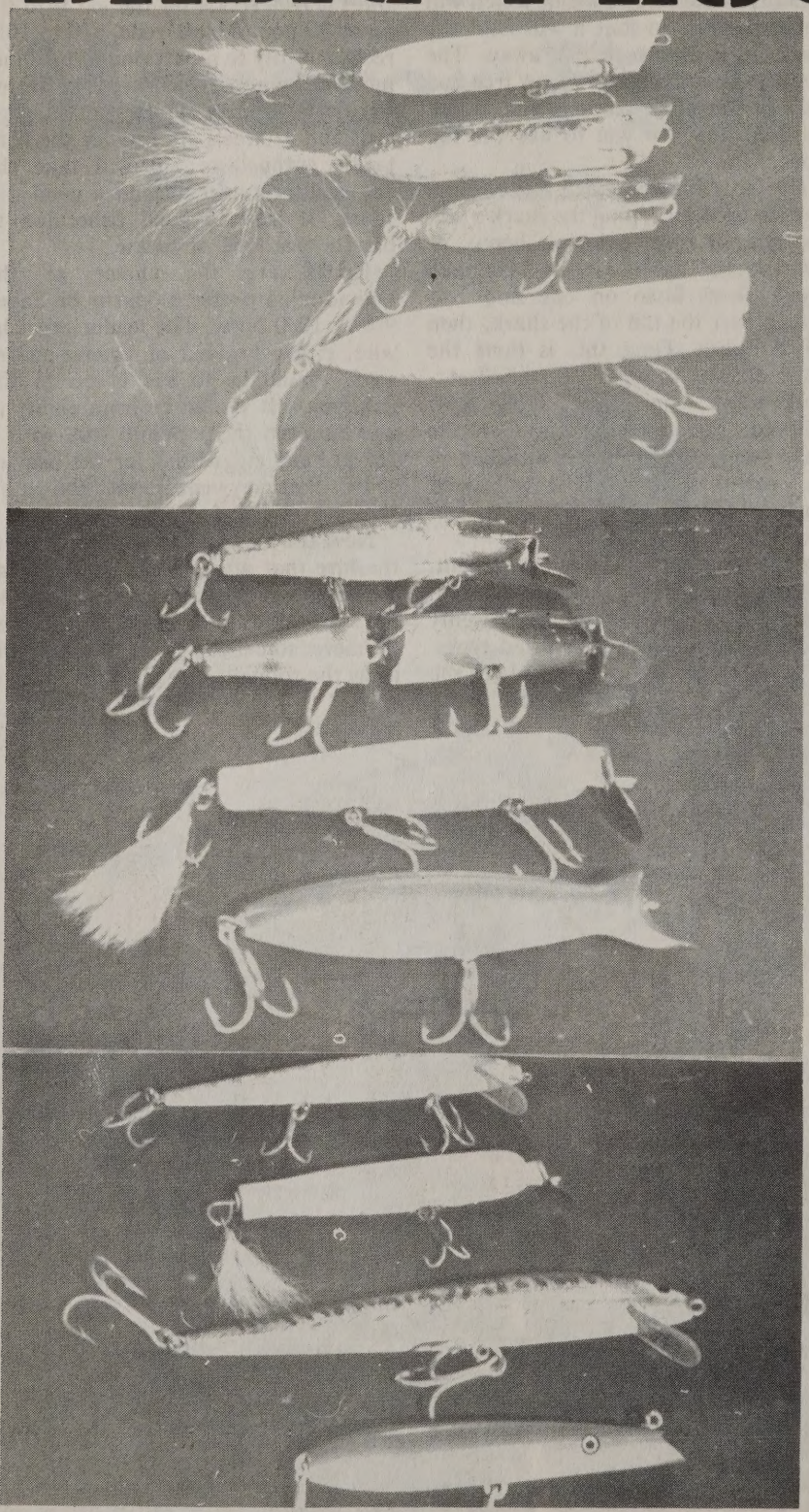


A shark took the bait on the spinning rod, while a clothespin holds the line of the 6/0 rig.

BASIC PLUGGING

by Ron Onorato



From top to bottom:BASIC POPPERS—2 oz. Atom Striper Swiper; Creek Chub Striper Strike (2 sizes); 3 oz. Striper Swiper. SUCCESSFUL SWIMMERS—Creek Chub pikie; Creek Chub Jointed Pikie; Atom, Jr.; Stau Gibbs Swimmer. MORE SUBSURFACE LURES: Rebel Minnow; Spin Atom; Rebel Mackerel; Gibbs Darter.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of fishing is watching that 6 or 7 pound bluefish wallop your popping plug, or seeing a big bass boil after that swimmer you have tied on the other end of the line. One way or the other the art of plugging for these gamefish has increased tremendously in popularity over the past several seasons. At first, big plugs and heavy rods were the rule; today, with the advent of synthetic plastics and light spinning tackle, heavy equipment is no longer needed, or even desired under many circumstances.

My first exposure to plugs happened many years ago in Bayville waters. I had been casting fiddler crabs for blacks among a pile of rocks while several fellows with long rods were casting these funny looking contraptions into the quiet waters. In a short time one of these anglers hooked and landed the biggest fish I had ever seen. I ran over and saw a three foot long bass with that funny-looking thing stuck in its jaws. I later found out from the angler who caught it that the thing was called a popping plug. Needless to say I gave up my fiddlers and, with the aid of three month's allowance, I bought a batch of popping plugs.

Unfortunately, things did not go well. My 8' spinning rod was too light for most plugs, and I kept snagging them on the bottom. It took me many days to correct these troubles without the aid of any knowledgeable fishermen to guide me. For those of you who have experienced similar problems in your quest for plug-caught fish, this article may serve as a guide.

The first step in assuring proper action to plugs is to select a good rod for plugging. Since the lures for the most part will be in the 1 to 2½ ounce range, the angler can choose a spinning stick from light to heavy. The tip of the rod is the most important part of it; a rather stiffish tip is best. At all costs avoid a tip that is fast-tapered. A rod tip of this type tends to collapse every time you "pop" a popper or pulsate a swimmer. For plugs over 3 ounces, stick to conventional tackle and forget spinning.

Plugs are divided into two categories: surface and subsurface. Surface or topwater plugs include popping plugs, propeller-type splash-

ers, or any lure that works on the surface of the water. Subsurface plugs, as the name suggests, work below the surface of the water. Included in this group are many kinds of plugs that work at mid-depths or near the bottom.

Popping plugs are the most popular of the surface-type plugs. The Creek Chub Striper Strike and the Atom Striper Swiper account for the majority of these plugs sold. The basic retrieve calls for a fast-pumping rod action that causes a gurgle or spray in the water in front of it. This retrieve will take fish if they are feeding actively on the surface. However, when there are no fish showing, a variety of retrieves should be tried in order to attempt to raise a fish.

Both of the aforementioned plugs have either a density greater than that of water, or small lead weights in their bodies for extra casting range. They must be retrieved fairly rapidly or else they will sink.

There are times to use unweighted poppers, or those made of wood. For example, the Golden-Eyes Trouble-maker is a plastic popper that is unweighted, and will float on the surface when not being retrieved.

These floating poppers can be worked at slower speeds. Try varying the intervals between pops and varying the rate of retrieve. Try short, fast pops at a fast retrieve and longer pops with less rod manipulation at a slower speed or, mix them up. Covering the entire range of retrieves will enable the angler to determine the one the fish like best, if they like one at all: On some days they won't care for any kind of popping.

The propeller-type surface splasher is fished in a manner different from that of a popper; this type plug won't throw as much water as a popper will. After the lure is cast, the retrieve causes a disturbance on the water. This, I suppose, imitates a crippled baitfish. Since this is usually a floating plug, all speeds should be tried in the retrieve. Don't forget to manipulate the rod to give the plug some action.

First and foremost on the list of subsurface plugs are the swimmers. Swimmers are plastic or wooden plugs which have a lip that makes them swim under the surface at varying levels. The most popular swimming plugs on the market today are made by Atom, Stan Gibbs, and Creek Chub. The Junior Atom was the result of the now-defunct Atom 40, or Big Atom. The 40 was perhaps the most effective of all the plugs on the market, but its size and weight brought it in disfavor with the legions of light-tacklers. (It weighed over 3 ounces and was bulky to cast). Still - a beautiful, effective plug.

The Jr. replaced it and has been growing in popularity ever since. Unfortunately, most Juniors come with lead in their tail, but there are some that don't have the weight. The Stan Gibb's swimmers are all wood plugs and do not have adjustable lips. The Creek Chub Pikie is an all wood swimmer with an adjustable lip.

Other subsurface plugs include the Rebel Minnow in sinker and floater versions, Stan Gibbs darters, and various Mirro-Lures.

The swimmers that have adjustable lips can be made to work at different depths by bending the lips. On the Atom Jr., and other plugs, the eye where the line is tied also affects the depth at which the plug will work. Bend the lip or the eye down, and the plug will swim closer to the surface. Bend it up and the lure will swim deeper. For the most part, swimmers should be adjusted so that they work just below the surface. Most of these swimmers should be worked a little on the slow side; a natural swimming motion must be achieved. By observing the movement of the plug in the water, the angler can best determine which retrieve allows for the best action. The bass, of course, makes the final decision.

Once the proper rate of retrieve is found, the angler should vary it even

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Look Homeward, Angler

by L.G. Cacioppo

You can't say that I don't try: I've been everywhere; I've tried everything. Somewhere a clammer is driving around in the new Caddy I bought for him. He's never met me, and has yet to thank me. but I've ladled out hundreds of gallons of his smelly clam chum, and sunk thousands of his mushy clam bellies in the bays and channels surrounding the Wantagh Parkway bridges. Were I to stop fishing, the sandworm diggers of Maine would have to stop eating lobster. I've drowned that many of their worms. Yes, I've sunk the clams, cast my shoulders sore at Cedar Beach, and snapped-off a hundred Hopkin's Shorties at Jones Inlet - all to no avail. Sure, I've caught a few flounders in the surf, and some short bass now and then, but no real bass.

Many's the rainy night I spent huddled in the shadows of those bridges with just a chill and a boat full of rancid clams to show for my troubles in the morning. But this year was going to be different! I kept telling myself that all winter, and the power of positive thinking being what it is, I've finally begun to believe it. After a few fruitless trips on the South shore this spring (I spent Easter night casting worms into the wind-battered surf at Cedar) I decided that the time had come to fish elsewhere. I'd exhausted all of the areas in my immediate vicinity, and Sandy Hook was just too far to drive. My logical conclusion was the North shore. Since the North shore was not on my side of the fence it contained (I hoped) a much greener variety of grass, and it had one other high point that I could not overlook. It was the only place left on Long Island where I had not **not** caught a striper. This in itself was enough to cause me to drive northward.

My first attempt was at Crab Meadow where I had heard that the fisherman were catching loads of schoolies on tins. I arrived there on a chilly Satuday morning (a hour after sunrise, thanks to an oversleeping fishing associate) just in time to watch as a caster loaded two nice bass into his car trunk. His chest swelling, and with a look of superiority in his eyes, the lucky fisherman informed me that the fish were taken on a Hopkin's at daybreak. I glared at my partner who studied the sand with a great deal of interest. We fished for a while, to no avail, and finally drove to the Shinnecock Canal where we didn't catch any weakfish.

By the next week I had become a driven man. There had been reports circulating since the prior Monday (begun, no doubt, by Clifford Irving or some other unimpeachable source) of bass at the Inlet, so Mother's Day night I fished at Jones Inlet. The fish weren't there, and neither were their mothers, but I did manage to catch a fluke that was almost half the size of my Hopkin's.

Now I was determined. Sunday morning found me back on the road to the north, this time to Makamah Beach where, a former friend had told me, they were killing the bass. I would have settled for killing one bass, and I said so. Arriving Sunday morning just before dawn, I found the parking lot filled to overflowing with cars. I immediately envisioned casters shoulder to shoulder in the wash, whipping the water to a froth, cranking in stripers on every cast.

When I got to the beach, I found one fisherman and the participants of the preceeding night's senior prom at Northport High, the latter wrapped in sleeping bags against the early morning chill. I waded through them, with apologies to those I stepped on, and made my way to the water. The other fisherman had his rod stuck in a sand spike, and I nodded "good-morning" to him. As I skinned a sandworm onto my number two bass hook, I was startled by a loud plop in the water about fifty feet in front of me. The noise was immediately followed by another, and after hurriedly casting out my worm rig, I snapped a blue-backed Rebel swimmer to my other rod, a light plugging outfit. Wading out into the water, I wondered aloud why the other fellow didn't fish top also. He said that he'd wait to see how I did, and with his words ringing in my ears I cast in the direction the plops had come from.

As the Rebel floated down to the water, there was a boil directly under it. Two cranks of the handle produced a strike - I leaned back and set the hook. At the sight of my throbbing rod the first fisherman ran toward his car and returned with a similar plug. The commotion roused some of the prom gang, and a small crowd had gathered behind me as I backed out of the water. Before their startled eyes (and my own) I managed to beach a three-pound sea robin. Amid the mocking laughter I unhooked the sea robin and dropped him back into the water. He seemed to be smiling at me as he swam away.

Not one to give up, I waded out once again, this time as far as my waders would allow. I've always been one of those fishermen who equated distance with fish. I continued to plug,

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FISH & GAME TIPS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

SINGLE HOOKS ARE MORE PRACTICAL THAN TREBLE HOOKS, EVEN IF YOUR FAVORITE PLUG LOOKS NAKED - ESPECIALLY WITH SALTWATER BLUES AND WEAKFISH. EVER TRY TO UNHOOK A THRASHING BLUE WHICH IS INTO ALL TREBLES PLUS TANGLING THE NET? SNIP THE EXTRA HOOKS OFF WITH A WIRE CUTTER..

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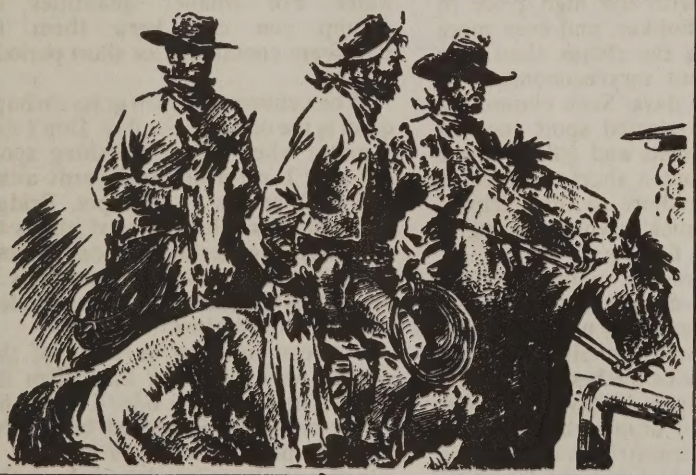

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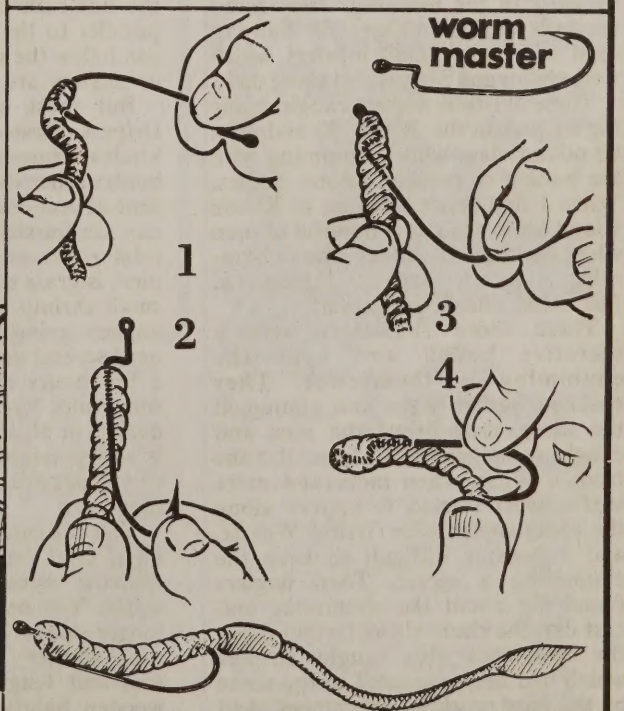

DIAGRAM ABOVE ILLUSTRATES CORRECT METHOD OF APPLYING THE *"WORM MASTER"* HOOK TO THE PLASTIC WORM, SAYS THE *"PENNSYLVANIA ANGLER."*

Chumming For STRIPERS

by Vlad Evanoff

Chumming for striped bass used to be more popular in the olden days when wealthy men fished in New England from the rocky shores of Cuttyhunk and Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts, and along the coast of Rhode Island. They established striped bass fishing clubs, built stands out into the water and hired men who acted as "chummers" and "baiters". They often chummed all night with ground-up or chopped bunker to attract big stripers which could then be caught by the "sports" who showed up early in the morning. They saved the tails of the bunkers for bait, or used tails from small lobsters which were cheap and plentiful in those days.

These old-time anglers caught many big stripers in the 30, 40, 50 and even 60 pound class while chumming with the bunker or crushed lobster bodies. When I first started fishing in Rhode Island there was still a handful of men who practiced this rocky-shore chumming - mostly around Jamestown, Beavertail and Narragansett.

These shore chummers were a secretive bunch and kept the chumming to themselves. They sneaked out at night and chummed the shore, then fished the area and caught some good-sized bass. But the trouble began when more and more surf anglers started to appear along the rocky shores after World War II, and it became difficult to keep the chumming a secret. Then anglers found out about the chumming and cast into the chum slicks farther down the line; they also caught stripers which had been attracted to the scene by the hard working chummers. And chumming is hard work that also requires a lot of patience, so you couldn't blame these chummers from being secretive and not wanting anyone else to take advantage of their efforts. But you couldn't prevent anyone from fishing in your chum slick on the next rocky point or shore spot, so this type of chumming eventually died out.

Today you can still use bunker chum from shore and attract big stripers, but with the high price of menhaden or bunker, and even more anglers fishing the shores than ever before, it is not very economical or practical these days. Such chumming works best at selected spots such as coves, rocky points and gullies where the tide runs out a short distance or parallel to the shore so that stripers can follow the slick to where the angler or anglers are fishing.

But most anglers chumming for stripers these days resort to other kinds of chum and they use these from boats rather than from shore. At this time of year one of the best chums you can use for stripers in bays, channels, tidal rivers and around bridges and piers is grass shrimp. This is the same small shrimp which is used by many anglers going after weakfish. You'll need several quarts of grass shrimp for a few hours of fishing and you can sometimes buy the shrimp from bait dealers or boat liveries. But the supply is undependable and such shrimp are very expensive, so many anglers obtain their own.

You can catch grass shrimp in many bays, tidal creeks and rivers with a minnow seine dragged in shallow water: You need two men to use the longer seines. But you can also make up a shorter "push net", which is a four-foot length of seine with long wooden handles on both ends. This can be pushed through the water by one man. Dip nets or umbrella nets can also be used but these catch only a few shrimp at a time. The most efficient and quickest way to obtain grass shrimp in quantities is to tow a nylon bag attached to an iron frame along the bottom from a boat.

Grass shrimp have to be kept alive, and the best way to do this is in a "bait" car or "live" car which is a small, floating wire box or cage in the water. For smaller quantities of shrimp you can keep them in styrofoam containers for short periods of time.

When chumming with grass shrimp, quiet is the order of the day. Don't use a motor when near the fishing spot, but shut it off a hundred yards away and drift or row to the spot. Bridge piles and pier piles are good places to chum, and anchoring the boat a short distance away from these structures is best. Then the shrimp can be dribbled out a few at a time.

You can use two or three of the shrimp on a hook for bait, then let them drift out in the tide. Usually no sinker or weight is needed but if the tide is running strong you can add a clincher or clamp-on sinker above the hook.

Usually the best tides for this shrimp chumming and fishing are about an hour and a half before high tide, during the change, and an hour or so after it starts to ebb. Then you can try an hour and a half before low water and an hour after it.

Other times the tide may be running too strong or it may slack, and then chumming and fishing aren't too good.

Chumming with clams for stripers is even less expensive and easier than with shrimp because you can always buy some clams from bait dealers, boat liveries or tackle shops. If you can obtain the "trimmings" from skimmer clams at commercial places where they are canning or processing clam meat you have the cheapest chum of all. But

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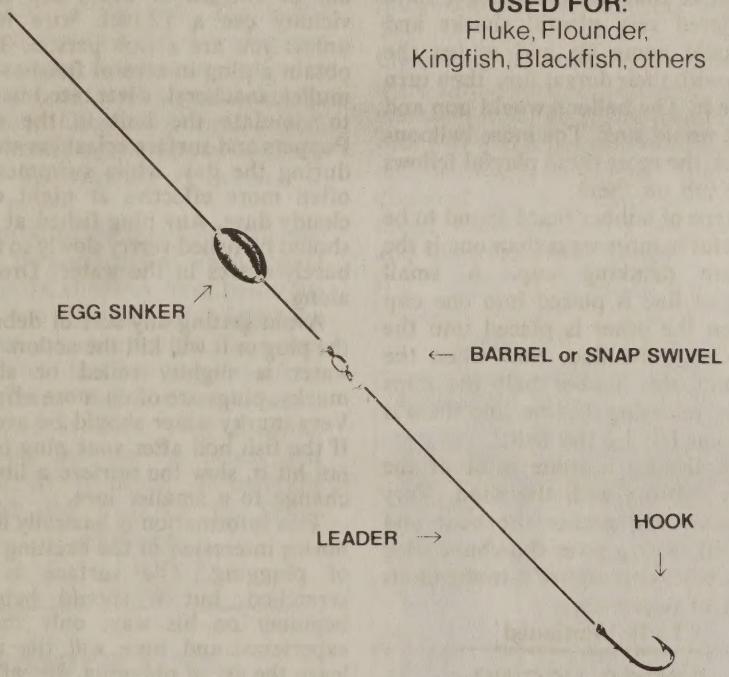


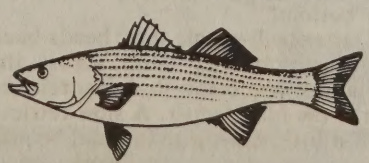
Popular rig for bottom species. Used while drifting in the bays and inshore waters and from piers, jetties and bridges. The line flows freely through a hole in the center of the egg sinker, allowing the angler direct connection to a biting fish without resistance. Limitations: Difficult to cast for distance, weight changes require re-rigging.

DIRECTIONS: Pass line through the center of an egg sinker. Tie on a barrel swivel with a clinch knot, allowing the sinker to slide freely. Attach hook to bottom of barrel swivel. For quick hook changes use a snap swivel in place of the barrel swivel.

you can always buy a bushel of skimmer clams, shuck them and put the meat and bellies in a can and use this for chum and bait. You can also grind or chop up some of the clam bellies and meats and throw these overboard a little at a time. Then you can use clam bellies or meat or a combination of both on a No. 2/0 or 3/0 hook and drift this out in the tide.

Other baits such as hard clams, soft-shell clams and scallop trimmings can also be used as chum. In fact, long before Long Island anglers discovered that skimmer clams make good chum for stripers, Chesapeake Bay anglers were using the soft-shell clams for such chumming there - and catching a lot of fish!

So, when other methods such as casting lures, trolling or bottom fishing fail to catch stripers, try chumming and be prepared for action. Chumming works well at almost all hours of the day or night as long as the tide is right for the spot being fished. But in the summer with boaters, water skiers and other anglers out in force you'll do better if you go out quietly at night, anchor your boat so it doesn't sway with the tide, and start chumming. Stripers will soon appear if you have picked the right spot.



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MONSTER FISHING

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into the picture. Well, this is true. Menhaden (bunker) have many uses, but the biggest use is for bait and ground chum. They are used for chum because of the high oil content their bodies contain, and all of the larger fish prey on them. After bunker are netted, they are ground into a fine mash and sold at bait and tackle stores in two gallon cans. Two or three cans are needed for a shark run, depending upon how long the fishing time is to be. The bunker chum is mixed with sea water to form a heavy soup and then spooned out by means of a wooden spoon, ladle or a cup on a stick. Once I went on board a boat that had no chum spoon and had to use the top of the thermos as my tosser. After that, I took the cup and attached it to a wooden stick by two screws and never removed it from the boat. The chum will dilute in the sea water, and as it is gradually spooned out from the drifting boat it forms a slick on the surface of the water, with the particles of ground bunker settling to attract various types of game fish to the boat.

Sharks can be baited in several different ways: the best bait I have found is fresh caught bonito, albacore or tuna. This is filleted and just one piece of fillet is hooked up and drifted into the chum slick. Boston mackerel can be purchased from the bait shop along with bunker chum, and you should also buy some frozen, whole bunker. The frozen bunker, when defrosted, should be cut into small chunks and tossed out with the chum. This gives the sharks something to nibble on while searching the chum line for a bigger and better tidbit.

Hooking the bait is done in two different ways. Attached to a single hook should be a ten to fifteen foot wire leader. The hook is placed through the mouth and out the bottom of the gill of either the whole mackerel or bunker, then imbedded into the body of the bait above the backbone. This is the "drift bait," and when let out about fifty yards or so will look as though it is swimming in an injured way.

The other method is to take the hook and place it directly into the whole bait, in front of the dorsal fin and above the backbone. This is the "bobbing bait." Here the bait is first let out about twenty feet, and then a piece of styrofoam is attached to the line as a "bobber." A slit in the foam, with the line wrapped around the foam, will hold the bait at a certain depth. When the shark takes the bait, the tightening of the line in the slice will cut the styrofoam completely, splitting it in half, seting the bait free.

Another type of floater or bobber device is an inflated balloon. This is attached to the line for any depth. When the shark hits it takes the bait down and the pressure of the water will pop the balloon. The only thing wrong with this is that several times I have encountered very playful sharks and they would come up and nudge the balloon with their dorsal fins, then turn and bite it. The balloon would pop and the bait would sink. The more balloons I put out, the more these playful fellows did the job on them.

The type of bobber that I found to be very useful in more ways than one is the styrofoam drinking cup. A small amount of line is placed into one cup and then the other is placed into the first to hold the line. Now when the shark hits the bobber bait the cups separate, releasing the line, and there is no tension felt by the fish.

Shark fishing is done most of the time by drifting with the wind. Very rarely does one anchor the boat and fish. Drift fishing gives the chum slick and the baits coverage of a tremendous amount of ocean area.

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BASIC PLUGGING

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more. Instead of simply casting and retrieving, the angler should speed up or slow down the retrieve, jerk the rod tip and cause the plug to dart forward. Keep trying every possible combination of actions until you discover the proper one for the moment.

Rebel plugs, in either the weighted or unweighted versions, are very effective subsurface lures. The unweighted type will work in the first foot of water, and will float when not being retrieved. The best type of retrieve is to work the little shiner very slowly near the surface. In the midst of this slow retrieve pause, let the plug float to the surface, then speed it up so that it darts off beneath the surface in a hurry.

The weighted version is good if the fish are deep. After casting, allow the lure to sink for a few seconds, then begin the retrieve. Work it fast and the lure will swim closer to the top, work it slowly and the lure will travel nearer to the bottom.

Darters will wiggle their heads back and forth as they swim across the surface or just below it. A fast retrieve works the lure deeper. A slow retrieve with a little rod-tip manipulation will allow the darter to work most effectively. The Mirro-Lure is a lipless plug that has no built in action at all. By jerking the tip and flexing the rod, the angler imparts all action to these lures. Remember - fish sometimes prefer a straight retrieve to one with lots of bump and wiggle.

Here are a few tips and tricks that I have discovered in the course of plug fishing. If you're plugging for bass, tie the lure directly to the line without the aid of swivels. If blues are in the vicinity use a 12-inch wire leader, unless you are a rich person. Try to obtain a plug in several finishes (blue mullet, mackerel, silver, etc.) in order to simulate the bait in the water. Poppers and surface splashers are best during the day, while swimmers are often more effective at night or on cloudy days. Any plug fished at night should be fished verrry slowly so that it barely moves in the water: Dream it along.

Avoid getting any sort of debris on the plug or it will kill the action. If the water is slightly roiled or slightly murky, plugs are often more effective. Very murky water should be avoided. If the fish boil after your plug but do not hit it, slow the retrieve a little, or change to a smaller lure.

This information is basically for the novice interested in the exciting game of plugging. The surface is only scratched, but it should help the beginner on his way; only through experience and time will the angler learn the art of plugging. He will find that a fish taken on a plug is worth many more taken by other methods.

LOOK HOMEWARD, ANGLER

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sometimes eliciting a feeble strike from a fish, but I managed to hook none. It was then that I noticed what sounded to me like a large mosquito buzzing. It was a mosquito or a large humming bird, and as I cocked my ear (the better to hear it with) I realized that it was the drag of my worm-rig back on the beach. This I realized because of the wildly-bucking rod in the sand spike, and also becuase the monofilament line was racing by my face. I was standing, it seemed, right next to my own line! I ran (or sloshed, if you will) toward the beach and what I knew was at least a fifteen pound bass, but the rod was still thirty yards away. I could take no chances with this, my first good striper, so as I passed the line I gave it a hard jerk. Satisfied that I had set the hook I continued my dash for the beach.

To the prom folks in the dunes I'm sure that I resembled nothing more than John Wayne charging the beach

at Iwo Jima. When I skidded to a stop at my rod they all breathed a sigh of relief. I grabbed the rod and jerked back, reeling with all my might. The rod bent sharply. The fish took line immediately and I pumped against the singing drag, regaining line when the chance presented itself. This was no sea robin, I was certain of that. The crowd had formed once again, but this time they realized that a big fish was on the end of the line. The battle lasted ten minutes and I waded out into the water to bring my prize to gaff. I knew that this was unnecessary, considering the gently sloping beach, but remembering the crowd and my sense of the dramatic, I decided to indulge myself.

As I stood in the water the fish rose slowly to the surface, and when I could make out the shadowy form below me I struck out with the gaff. I lifted the conquered adversary from the water. A six pound blackfish looked back at me obliquely. The crowd on the beach was pleased at least. They gathered around the fish on the beach and marveled at it while I mentally calculated the distance to Sandy Hook.

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South Shore Report

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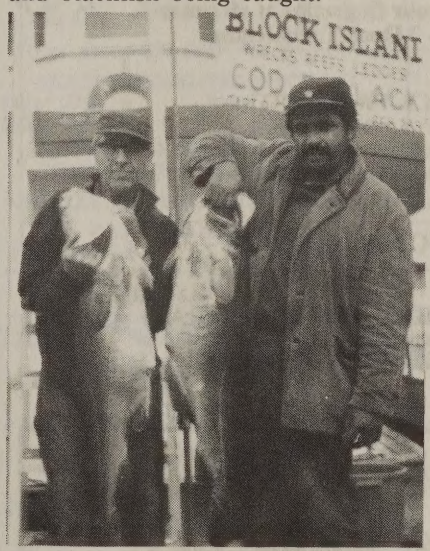
John Keller of the Lake Montauk Marina reports the fluke fishing is very good at the North Rips, Outer Shagwong and in along the beaches. The striped bass fishing at the Lighthouse has been outstanding all week long. There are plenty of stripers and they are of good size too. Trolling with wire and tubes or umbrella rigs is one method, and jigging with 4 oz. diamond jigs is another way to get them. There are also a few sea bass and blackfish being caught.



The two pool winners aboard the Marlin III of Montauk are "Irish Mike" (54 lbs.) and Louis Bellefore (48 lbs.), both from NYC. Captain Rade reports "fantastic fishing; each man averaging 12-15 cod, with approximately 30 fish every day weighing between 30 and 54 lbs."

Young Ronald Harval of Wallington, N.J., proudly displays the prize-winning catch of the Garfield Fish and Game Association charter aboard the Helen II. Photo courtesy of Capt. George Glas.

Capt. Paul Forsberg, skipper of the Viking Star, reports the fishing at Cox's Ledge continues to be excellent. The codfish are not only large, but there are plenty of them. The pool fish is generally in the 50 lb. class and there are a good number of fish in the 20 to 40 lb. class.

Capt. Richard Rade, skipper of the Marlin III, said the weekend fishing was a bit on the slow side, however, prior to that some excellent catches of cod were made at the Block Island area. Last Wednesday was real good. Many of the codfish taken were in the 30 to 50 lb. class and there were a few pollack mixed in.

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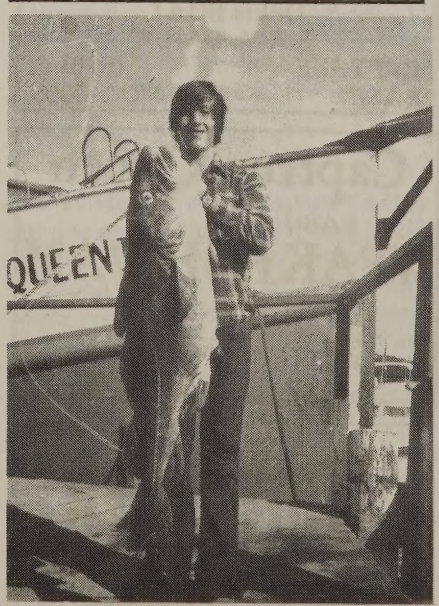

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Capt. Larry Keller, skipper of the Jean Three, reports the striped bass fishing has been outstanding all week. The rips around the Point are producing bass from 12 to 40 lbs. Capt. Keller had 46 bass on board on Sunday, plus 3 bluefish. These fish are all being caught on umbrella rigs. The Jean Three has been coming in with 20 to 30 bass per trip.

Capt. Ed Hegner, skipper of the Capt. Spider, said the fluke fishing off Montauk is good, with a good number of fair sized fluke being taken every day. A Mr. Lakey of Merrick caught a 15 lb. fluke on Tuesday.

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Art Brand of the Promised Land Fishing Station reports porgies are in solid off Buoy 3. They are ranging in size up to 2½ lbs. Skimmer clams on the bottom are working best. A few sea bass are being picked up along with the porgies. There is some weakfish action at Hicks Island. The striped

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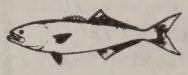

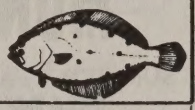

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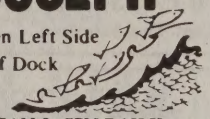

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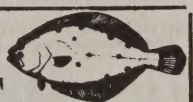

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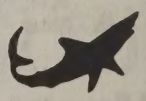

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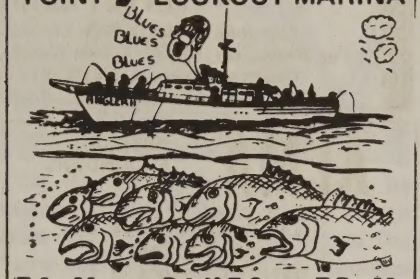

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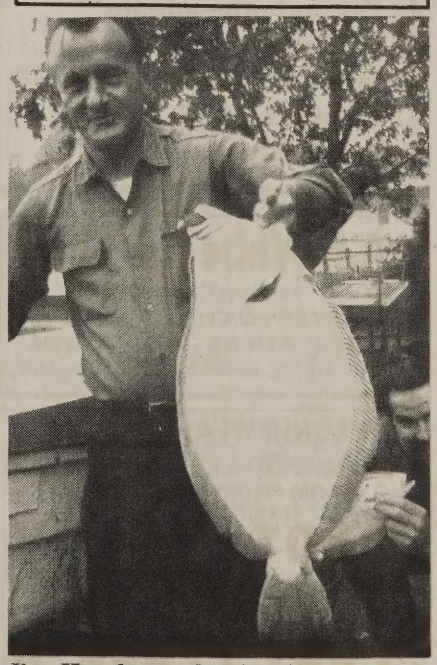
SAG HARBOR

Dan McLane of the Bayview Fishing Station reports the porgy fishing is still good in the South Ferry area. Some weakfish are mixed in. The South Ferry area is also producing some stripers and blues. These fish are being taken on tubes trolled on wire line. After dark the bass seem to prefer plastic or rubber eels.

SHINNECOCK

Mickey Altenkirch reports there are lots of good sized porgies in the Peconics. Fluke are being taken at the Shinnecock Inlet by drifting killies and squid baits. Mickey heard about three swordfish being baited over the weekend, however, he didn't know if any were boated.



Jim Haack caught this 9 lb. 13 oz. fluke fishing from Tony's Fishing Station in Hampton Bays. The fish was netted by Sam Scardigno, who proudly poses with his trophy of gargantuan size in the lower-right.

HAMPTON BAYS

Ernie Behrle of Bradley's Fishing Station reported the fluke fishing is great. There are many short fluke and the Conservation Department is out in

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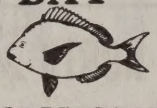

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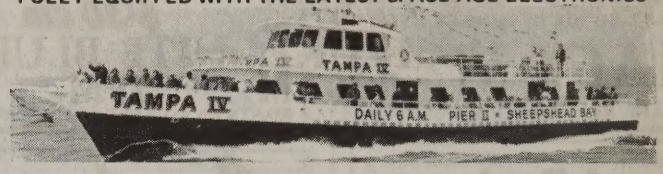

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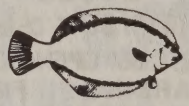

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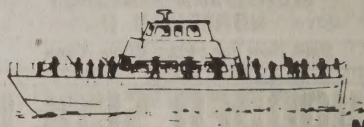

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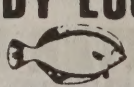

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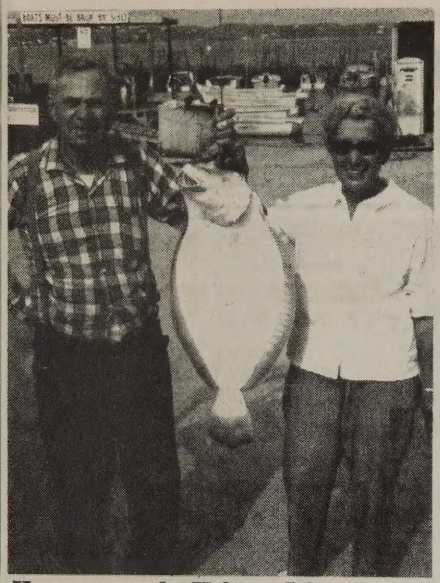


Herman and Helen Schuster of Flushing with a 15 lb. 10 oz. fluke caught June 21 at Shinnecock Bay. Photo courtesy of Bradley's Fishing Station.

force handing out summonses to those keeping fluke under 14 inches. Other than the good fluke fishing, there are also many small porgies throughout the bay and also a few bluefish.

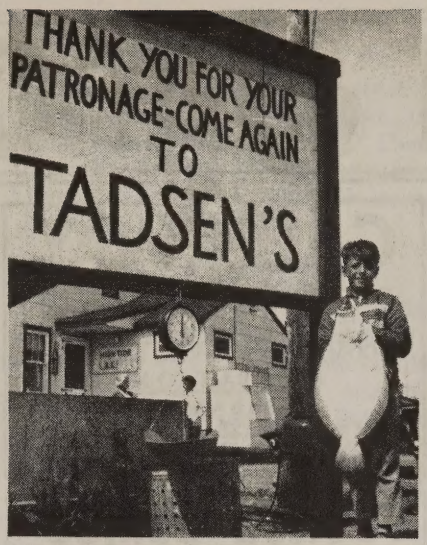
Frank Muller of Frank's Fishing Station said the fishermen are doing very well with the fluke over by the Coast Guard Station and at Buoys 17 through 22. Drifting with killies and squid is bringing up these 4 to 6 lb. and sometimes 9 lb. fluke. There are a few bluefish being caught at the inlet.

Alicia DeCastri of the Three Aces Fishing Center reported a 236 lb. swordfish being boated aboard the Broker. The Shinnecock Swordfish Tournament, out of Indian Cove Marina, will continue next Saturday and Sunday.

MORICHES

Bob Seifert of the Silly Lily Fishing Station reported the fluke fishing is good off the Coast Guard Station, buoys 38-39, and the elbow of the old channel. There are still some flounder being caught, and a scattering of bluefish and striped bass are outside the inlet. The blues and bass are being caught by trolling.

Chet of B & B Tackle reported some fantastic bluefish action on Saturday in 110 ft. of water due south of the Moriches Inlet. In the bay, the fluke fishing is good, however, there are lots of small fish that must be returned to the water. There is some weakfish action but the weaks seem to be bigger and smarter. Only the sharp

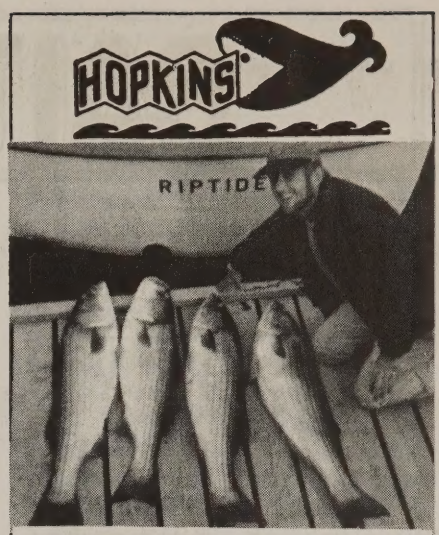


This 8¾ lb. fluke was caught by eight-year old William Alster, Jr. on June 25. The lad was fishing in the "new cut" near buoy #6 in Moriches Bay, and caught his fish on a live killie. Photo courtesy of Tadsen's Fishing Station.

fishermen are taking these weaks. Bay blues came up at Senix Canal and were being caught right at the dock.

Ben Tadsen of Tadsen's Fishing Station reports the fishermen are doing very well with the fluke. There are many shorts and the Conservation Department is handing out summonses to those keeping fluke under 14 inches. The most productive area is the new cut and westward. Killies and squid are the right baits.

William Oakley poses with a 14 lb. striper caught while fluke fishing out of East Moriches on June 26.



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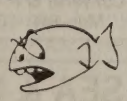

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MASTIC BEACH

Ron Keenan of Keenan's Fishing Station reports fluke fishing remains good at buoys 21-25. The fluke are plentiful but many are small. There are still a few flounders being taken. Blue claw crabs are coming in strong at Buoy 17 through 21.

WEST SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reported the fishing is excellent from a quarter mile off the Browns River Jetty to mid-bay. Weaks, kingfish and some fluke are being taken in this area. The fluke seem to be closer to mid-bay. Scattered schools of bluefish up to 5 lbs. are being locvated off Cherry Grove. Fred and Otto Bezler caught a mess of them casting tins. Stanley Zarenba came in with 23 weakfish up to 2¾ lbs. They were caught on Lupo and Salty Dog shrimps.

CAPTREE

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the Capt. Rod said the fluke fishing is fair. Some larger fish have moved into the area and less fish have to be returned due to a lack of size. Killie and squid baits drifted in the inlet area are producing best.

Capt. Frank Swanson of the Capt. Swanson II reports the fluke fishing to be fair. Some of the more productive areas are the waters off West Island, Ocean Beach and at the Fire Island Inlet. Killie and squid baits are best but Capt. Swanson said he's been getting good results using sea robin bellies.

Capt. Richie Westerlind of the Capt. Richie said he's been catching fluke from the Lighthouse to the Inlet. The size of the fluke has improved this week, with the average around 2 to 4 lbs. now. Drifting with killies and squid or sand eels is working best.

Capt. George Tweedy of the Capt. Scotty caught weakfish in good numbers all week long, including Saturday. He was fishing the east end of the bay by the clam boats. The Captain said, "as long as the clam boats were working, the weakfish stood active." Capt. Tweedy, hearing of the building bluefish action offshore, has decided to switch to bluefishing starting Wednesday.

BABYLON

Walter Schmidt of the Babylon Fishing Station reports fluke fishing is good east of the Captree Bridge at Buoy 4 and 5. There are some weakfish mixed in with the fluke. Blue claw crabs are coming up all over the bay.

Capt. Dennis Frederick, skipper of the Flying Dutchman, reports he's been catching a good number of decent sized fluke at the southern end of West Channel. Capt. Frederick said a school of larger fish has moved into the area. There has been an obvious decline in the amount of fish that have to be returned to the water because of their lack of size.

WEST BABYLON

Charlie Crowley of Charlie's Fishing Station reported fluke fishing is good in the East West Channel and in the State Channel. The fluke are ranging in size from 2 to 4 lbs., and sometimes up to 6 lbs. Some weakfish are being taken but they are few and far between. Blue claw crabs are abundant throughout the bay.

LINDENHURST

Jack Schaeffer of Charlie's West reports there are lots of fluke in the State Channel around Grass Island and at the Fire Island Inlet. Bluefish up to 16 lbs. are being taken just outside the inlet. Ron Richardson hit a striped bass blitz during the thunder storm of Friday night at the mouth of the inlet. Ron cast bucktails and caught bass up to 47 lbs. Snappers are being caught off the Copiague docks. Blue claw crabbing is excellent at the docks and throughout the bay.

John Schaeffer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle reported that Joe Kuck on the My Dad caught a 114 lb. white shark on Sunday. These fish are very rare in these waters and this shark is only about the fourth caught in the last ten years.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait & Tackle reported bass fishing is at a peak around the bridges and deep holes of the State Channel. Mike Dolan landed a 14½ lb. striper from the West End Jetty on a Redfin plug. Clam chumming at slack tide and sandworms on a high rig is your best bet at the bridges. Rigged eels at night are pulling in their fair share of fish. Some small blues are being caught with bunker chum and sand eels at West Island and the west end of Goose Creek. Joe Ernie got six nice weaks on live killies while fluke fishing.

Marty of Sportackular reports there are plenty of fluke around, but there's lots of small stuff. Snake Hill Channel

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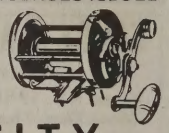

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SEAFORD

Carmine of Dell's Fishing Station reported fluke fishing is good in the State Channels. Many of the fluke are small. Some weakfish are being caught at the Four Corners. Blue claw crabs are being taken at the bridges.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of Causeway Bait & Tackle reports lots of good sized bass have been brought in lately. The action is coming from the 2nd Wantagh Bridge and the Meadowbrook Bridge. John Companaro took two weakfish and two bass to 26 lbs. on sandworms at the 2nd Wantagh Bridge. Bill Haynes and Larry Schneider boated ten bass to 29 lbs. on clam bellies at the Meadowbrook Bridge. George Cheese boated bass to 16 lbs. from the State Channel on clam bellies. Fluke fishing has improved, with more keepers for the fishermen now available. The offshore draggers report many doormat sized fluke coming in.

MERRICK

Jimmy of Nick's Fishing Station reported there are many fluke but lots have to be returned due to their lack of size. Some of the better areas are Broad Channel, Ned's Creek and Fundy Bay. Bass fishing for clam chummers has been excellent this week. Goose Creek, Wantagh and the 2nd Meadowbrook Bridge are all productive. Good shark activity is reported offshore.

N.Y. Bight Report

FREEPORT

Capt. Al Lindroth of the Capt. Al said this past week's blue action has been red hot. Al reports fishing in the general area of the Acid Water and returning with catches up to 25 fish per man, with the fish averaging about 7 or 8 lbs. On Saturday Al found the fishing slow but put the blame on poor weather. On Sunday, with better fishing conditions, fares returned with full bags.

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the Star Stream also reported hot blue action in the area of the Acid Stain. Rich said on some days the fish are found in the Stain while on other days the fish refuse to go in the Stain, however, they can still be caught in that general area. On Wednesday and Thursday Richie referred to the fishing as a complete slaughter. Capt. Kessinger said he cannot remember any year where we had such good bluefishing for jumbo blues in June as we have encountered this past month.

Capt. Sy Karlin of the charter boat Blue Fin reports he found excellent bluefishing one hour and 40 minutes south of Jones Inlet. Catches were running 10 to 12 fish per man, with weights averaging about 8 lbs.

(l. to r.) Donald Seward and Donald Thompson with part of fluke catch taken aboard Thompson's boat off Lido Beach on Sunday, June 24. The largest fish went 7 lbs.

Capt. Paul Schmidt of the Aloma II said that on Saturday the poor weather put the damper on the fishing. On Sunday, under better conditions, they managed a fair day on the fluke. Paul also said that the Aloma II will be sailing July 4 for fluke, and that the Aloma is now on a daily run for blues under the guidance of Capt. Charles Caple.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reports fluke fishing continues good in Reynolds Channel and also inside Jones Inlet. Boats fishing these areas are averaging 8 or 9 good sized fluke per boat. Flounders can still be caught at Buoy 13 and also the Coast Guard Station. Ed said the bridges such as the Meadowbrook, the Loop and the Long Creek have been yielding good catches of school bass to clam chummers.

Capt. Art White of the Angler II said this week's bluefishing has been great. On Sunday, Capt. White said it was exceptional and noted that he did not know of any boats that had a bad day. The fish could be found anywhere from south of Cholera to the Acid Stain and the Mud Hole. Art said the fish were chasing small mackerel and could be chummed or jigged with equal success.

ISLAND PARK

John Esposito of the Commodore Fishing Station reports good fishing for school bass at the Atlantic Beach Bridge and along local docks. Clam chum has been doing the trick. John said rowboaters working Reynolds Channel are being rewarded with nice catches of medium sized fluke.

Charlie Beckmann of Beckmann's Tackle said fishing for big bass

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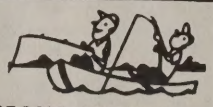

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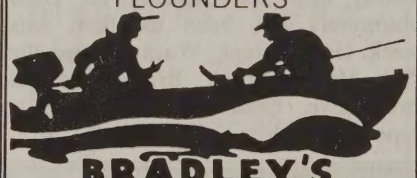

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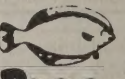

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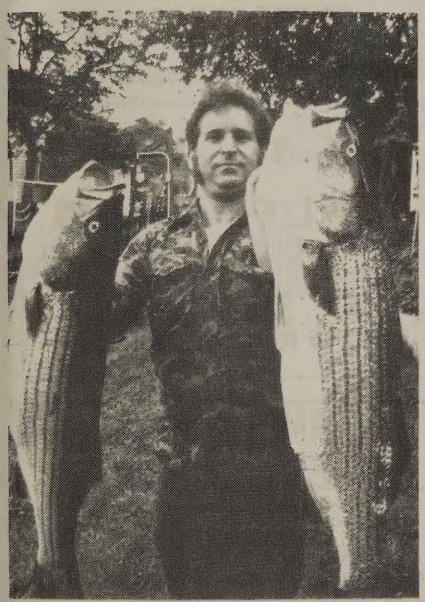
remains good to excellent. Charlie said most fish are being caught by bunker dunkers off Rockaway, Long Beach and Atlantic Beach. School bass can be caught at most local bridges by clam chummers.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reports that fluke fishing is great. Leon said that no one area is a hot spot, but rather all areas in Reynolds Channel and East Rockaway Inlet are producing good catches. Bass chummers are having a picnic at the bridge with clam bellies. On Saturday Richard Shambach, fishing with his son, Richard, Jr., landed 24 schoolie bass while chumming at the bridge. On Sunday a striper of 42 lbs. was landed off Rockaway by Richard Lewis. It fell for a bunker spoon. Leon said that charter boat captain Ronnie Lepper of the Kim has been wearing an ear to ear smile this entire week due to the outstanding bass fishing he has been encountering.



Two bass - 28 lbs. and 43 lbs. - are held by Jerry Prusan, who fished aboard Charles Marzullo's boat off Long Beach on June 24. The fish were taken in 25 ft. of water, but Jerry "neglected" to tell us what the fish were caught on.

JAMAICA BAY

Bill Sinkowski of Channel Bait & Tackle said fluke fishing is fair to good in the area between the South Channel Bridge and the R.R. trestle. Bill said if you fish this area, stay on the north side of the Channel in the shallow water as the fluke seem to avoid the deep channel. Bill also knew of some striper action off the South Channel Bridge. This action is mostly in the evening, and bucktails work best.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Fred Ardolino of the Amberjack IV called ship to shore on Sunday night to report that he was fishing 5 to 6 miles southeast of the Acid Water. Fred said by 10:00 P.M. over 125 blues had hit the deck. The fish averaged about 8 lbs. each.

George Gnad of the Bay End Dock reports fluke fishing continues good off the Plum Beach flats, with boats averaging 10 to 12 keeper size fish. Bas are available for clam chummers at the Round House. George said crabbing remains good.

Capt. Victor Becker of the Tampa IV said this past week's day bluefishing has been very inconsistent. Wednesday night yielded a good catch but on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night the tide was runing quite strong and the fishing was poor.

Sal Lauro of Stella Maris Fishing Station said fluke fishing is good in Ambrose Channel. Quite a few shorts are present, but enough keepers to make the fishing worthwhile. Sal also knew of a few porgies which were caught on the Tin Can Grounds.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reports that fluke fishing in Great Kills Harbor is good to excellent. Great Kills Park has also been yielding good bass fishing but this is mostly on bait. Lenny said that last week bass fishing fell off at Annadale and Oakwood Beach, however, on Monday morning it appeared that the fish were again responding to plugs and Lenny weighed in several good catches. Lenny said crabbing continues good in Great Kills Harbor and the crabs are of good size. Lenny reports there are blues in Princess Bay that are chasing bait and boaters are jigging and trolling them.

SANDY HOOK

Joe Julian of Julian Bait Co. said bass fishing continues good. Most of the action is taking place from the Sandy Hook Rip down to the Golf Ball. On Tuesday Joe weighed in the heaviest fish of the week. It was caught by Stan Klein of North Plainfield and it weighed in at 41 lbs. On Sunday the fishing was slow, however, on Monday morning Joe reports weighing five fish caught by Ted, Roger and John

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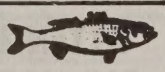

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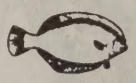

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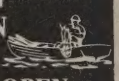

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North Shore Report

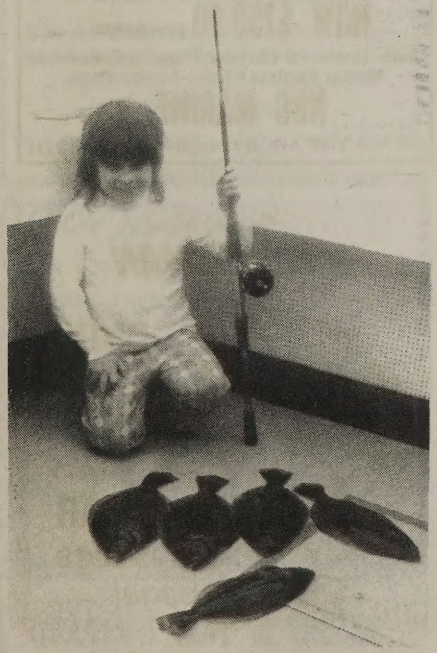
SOUTHOLD

The Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports that on Sunday, at Buoy 10, two fares got 15 weaks to 4 lbs. and 250 porgies up to 1½ lbs. There are lots of porgies at South Ferry. The slack in weakfishing should pick up soon as they are being taken in quantities by Gardiners Island netters now. Blues are being taken at Buoy 17 at Jessups Neck on 6 oz. diamond jigs. Stripers in Plum Gut are taking 8 oz. diamond jigs (thanks, Barney Oats). POE's Orient Point Station is opening July 4th.

Mrs. Myers at Southold Fishing Station reports loads of small and medium sized porgies are all over the place. Some weakfish are between Buoys 17 and 18 for the sharp angler who will work for them. The porgies are taking clam and worm baits.

GREENPORT

Capt. Bill Jensen of the Wilhelric reports beautiful blackfishing in the Gull Island area. The blacks are ranging in sizes from 3 to 8 lbs., with lots of fish in the 5 and 6 lb. class.



This is Darlene Predimano, age 4, with her first catch of fluke. The fish were taken off Reis Park on June 23 aboard her uncle's boat.

Lennie Rowe, Raymond Sampson, John Bethea and Steven Waldan of NYC with their catch of porgies up to 3½ lbs. caught south of Buoy 25. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

Capt. Dave Green of the Pooka III said the porgy fishing in Noyac Bay is A-1 excellent. Hundreds of fish are being caught every day. Harry Genter was the high hook with 77 fish on Sunday.

Art White of A.P. White Bait Shop says big humpback porgies are at Southold off Nortons Point. A boat is needed. Skimmers and worms are the bait. Some fluke are off Orient Point. Stripers are being taken in the evenings in the Gut at Orient on yellow bucktails, also on long surge tubes topped with sandworms. Race Rock is producing loads of blacks.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports there are lots of porgies around. They are taking worms and clams. The South Race, south of Buoy 25 is the best spot. Weakfishing is slow. The average porgy catch per boat is 60-80 fish. The average size is 1½ lbs. One boat came in with 300 fish.

PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. John Fischer of the Betty W reports the fishing is good with a mixed bag of sea bass, porgies, blackfish and some weakfish and fluke. The porgy fishing is outstanding and is the best bet at the present time.

Capt. Bill Littlefield, skipper of the Jib III, said he fished the waters east of Miller Place on Sunday and caught loads of porgies up to 3½ lbs. There were also sea bass and blackfish caught. One black weighed in at 9 lbs.

Earl Dietrich of Queensland Cove Tackle Shop tells us that big bass are being taken on floated worms about

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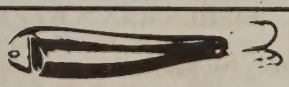

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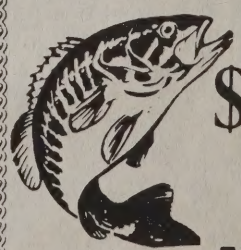

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BAYVILLE

Pump's Park Fishing Station reports sand porgies are at Centre Island Reef. Quite a few were taken on worms by boaters and surf casters. Some bass are being taken at Centre Island Reef and off the hospital, trolling with bucktails and casting Rebels.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sports Shop reports bluefish were spotted schooling but they couldn't be taken. Bunker are abundant. Rocks are still producing blackfish. Prybil Beach is still producing stripers for surfmen. Trollers are also getting their share of stripers on bass spinning rigs from Prybil to Maxwells. Porgies are in great abundance off Mattinecock Point.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don Constantin of the Ever Ready Fleet reports the fishing is excellent with blackfish up to 7½ lbs. and porgies up to 3 lbs. There are also some weakfish and a few fluke available. The fishermen are averaging about 40 fish per man. Capt. Don is presently sailing only on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

NORTHPORT

Bowman's Sporting Goods reports Makamah Beach produced a 10½ lb. striper for a young surfcaster using worms. Weakfishing has picked up at Makamah Beach. Drifting squid is best. Some good sized fluke are available also. There are lots of sand porgies. Blackfish up to 5 lbs. can be found in the rocky areas. Eatons Neck Coast Guard Station and Makamah are the best prospects for these fish. Fish high water. Bluefish are not in the area as yet.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station reported plenty of mixed sizes porgies are available. There are also some sea bass, blackfish and a few fluke. Blowfish are in close to the beach. There is plenty of bait in the water and blues should be in for a good feed here once they arrive.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Veteran's Fishing Station reported lots of weakfish and bass in Oyster Bay at the channel at buoy 2. They are taking squid and sandworms on the bottom. The second half of incoming through the first half of outgoing tide is best. Plenty of sand porgies and blackfish to be had. Stary fluke come in now and then also.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle reported lots of sand porgies are available around Harts Island. Blackfishing is slowing down a bit. Bass action is good. A 19¾ pounder was weighed in on Monday morning. It was taken on a whole tinker mackerel at the northern end of Harts Island.

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Harts Island on a drifted chunk of bunker. There are many sand porgies in the area, but not too much in the way of size.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

DICK ALLEY

NORWALK

Henry J. Marquartt, 77 years young, hit the jackpot this week with a 54 lb. striper, taken behind Sheffield Island. Bob Blanks, get another pin ready. This was to set the pace for several good bass catches in and around the Norwalk area this week. Weaks are hitting at Browns Point and Sprite Island, with the pearl-sandworm rig tops at this time, and some catches on Touts and bucktails. Most big bass are succumbing to mackerel, but with the large influx of bunker coming in the past few days, the bait situation could well change. Goose and Copps Island have been showing good school bass at dawn and dusk.

WESTPORT

Several more good bass in Westport waters. Many fish in the thirty to forty pound class are being taken around Cockenoe Island, as well as weakfish. Compo Beach and Bedfords Point compete for the surf hot spot every week. There's been some excellent early morning fishing in the dark hours before dawn at Bedfords Point, offering bass, blues, and weakfish. Schlaits Point is another big bass "hot" area.

BRIDGEPORT

Bridgeport tackle dealers report bass action at Fayerweather and Seaside Park. Porgies are thick in the channel by St. Mary's By The Sea. Penfield Reef is paying off both for bass and weakfishermen, and first bluefish action at Fairfield Beach has already been reported. Southport Harbor too is yielding bass and weakfish.

STAMFORD

Cove Pond, on the Stamford-Darien border, continues to be a top producer in this area. Bass up to 31 lbs. have already been recorded this year. The Collanders Point area is producing even bigger bass for mackerel fishing. Crabs, too, are populating the Cove Pond area heavily, and weakfish are scattered, on a hit and miss basis, with some catches at Shippan, the Stamford Cows and at Collanders. Sand porgies are plentiful anywhere there's sand. The Stamford breakwater is another hotspot for bass, weaks and porgies. Blacks are big and in the rocky areas along the shore.

GREENWICH

Both Greenwich Cove and Greenwich Point are paying off for bass and weakfish. It's bass by the millions in the schoolie size, with catches going as high as 25 per man. The plastic tails are paying off, as well as the Upperman bucktails, and the swimming plugs. Weaks are also at the mouth of the Mianus River, and in Byram at Calf Island.

RYE

Lots of stripers in the Milton Harbor area, but better yet, blues showed up and were up and popping. Scotch Caps and Dan's Rock have also been paying off for bass. Weakfish, too, are plentiful around the Caps. Some bass are running to 30 lbs., and they're hitting Rebels and poppers.

WESTCHESTER

Cut bait and big stripers are the story in Mamaroneck waters. Many fish in the 20 to 35 lb. range are taken daily. Weakfish here are scattered, but several catches are being made on sandworms and small yellow Upperman bucktails. Porgies are thick in the sandy areas of Scotch Caps, while blacks are just as good where it's rocky.

In New Rochelle, lots of bass are hitting at Fort Slocum, with sandworm trolling the favored method here. Porgies and blacks are also feeding well.

STONINGTON

Flatfishing is still excellent in the Stonington area. Lots of bass are coming in, with the biggest of the week weighing in at 48 lbs. 6 ozs. Blacks and blues are just spotty. Stan Gibbs mackerel plugs are the hot lure in this area for bass, and most of the big fish are coming out of the Race.

NEW HAVEN

The area around Morningside is a continuous hotspot for big stripers. One two-man team landed 58 fish from 3 to 24 lbs., both by trolling and popping. They only kept them to prove a point and the fish were given away. Weaks are in at West Haven Jetty, with the old bobber-sandworm combo the top method. Big blacks are being taken from the Milford shoreline. Small porgies are the story at Lighthouse Point, with a five gallon bucketful a typical days catch. Blues are being taken off Saybrook and at Faulkners Island, trolling wire.

John A. Varaney, President of the Demon Lure Company, holds a 4 lb. fluke caught on a worm-sweetened Demon lure while fishing for stripers on June 24 in Milford (Conn.) Harbor.

MILFORD

Several fish were taken on live eels during the week, and they went up to 23 lbs. While I was getting my report, Vin Ciulla had a radio call that bass were up on top, and completely surrounding Charles Island. Bucktails and small Rebel poppers are accounting for many of the school bass. Several fluke were picked up in the Housatonic River on mackerel baits, and weaks in the 3 to 4 lb. category are hitting the pearl squid-sandworm combo. A couple of shad were also taken from the Housy.

STRATFORD

The lighthouse just west of the mouth of the Housatonic River, or rather the waters outside it, have been producing several bass in the 20 and 30 lb. class. Squid and mackerel number among the baits for the big ones. Porgies and blacks are thick around the Stratford breakwater, with some catches numbering over 100 fish.

MYSTIC

Lots of fluke headline the Mystic area, with fluke of all sizes hitting very well. Big bass, too, are here, and they are hitting trolled swimming plugs and No-Alibi lures. Valiant Rock yielded some big blues for the first time this year, with 5 choppers, the smallest one weighing 13 lbs. gutted. An example of the porgy fishing shows one man with a catch of 207 sand porgies. Crabbing is getting better every day in Mystic Bay.

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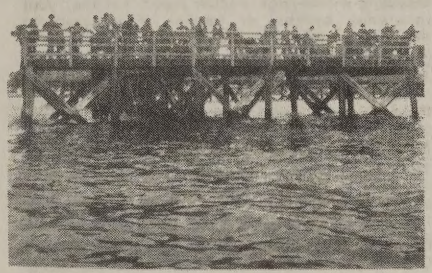
OLD SAYBROOK

Many Old Saybrook anglers are traveling to the Watch Hill, R.I. area for big bass in the 20 to 40 lb. class. Schoolies are plentiful in the Connecticut River. The Clinton breakwater is producing some bass in the teens for anglers fishing small Rebels and Autocasts. Blues and mackerel showed simultaneously off Hammonassett State Park.



Youngsters line the fishing pier at Calf Pasture Beach for the Norwalk Striped Bass Club Annual Jr. Flounder Derby.

NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

SANDY HOOK

Bill at the Henjo Dock reported fair fluke fishing, with catches from 1 to 4 lbs. Occasional 6 pounders have been coming in. He suggests a tip of Spermecetti Cove near the Coast Guard Station. Crabbing is getting better.

Julian's Bait & Tackle reported good fluke fishing in the Sandy Hook Bay off the Atlantic Highlands near the Esso tanks. Most striper action is off the Golf Ball. Bunker dunking is the method, although some catches were reported on tubes and spoons. Blues are still scattered at the B.A. Buoy.

SEABRIGHT

Giglio's reported good surf fishing for stripers. Red'd Surf Devils had 18 bass from Sunday night to Monday morning. Their catches ranged up to 23 lbs. A few stripers were also reported on rigged eels. Fluke are plentiful and can be caught at nearly every jetty along the ocean front.

LONG BRANCH

At the Long Branch Pier, Mattie Sowel reported good fluke fishing after the bad weather of the weekend. A few blues have surprised the regulars and weakfish are expected any day.

Striper fishing was off, according to Steven's Tackle. Best catches of the week went to Mr. & Mrs. Pfeiffer with 12 and 14 pounders on clams. Many smaller 4 to 5 pounders were also reported. Fluke fishing was spotty but blackfish are abundant.

HUDSON RIVER REPORTS

HOPEWELL JUNCTION

Joe's Bait & Tackle reported a flurry of striper activity at Bannerman's Island, Denning Point and the Tunnel. Sand and bloodworms are the bait. Largemouth fishing is fair despite the rain that has swelled many lakes.

WAPPINGERS FALLS

The B & M Bait Shop reported a complete wash-out of fishing in Wappingers Lake because of excessive rain. The largemouth fishing won't return to normal until Wednesday or Thursday. However, on the Hudson, Tom Lake reported good striper fishing at Cornwall on swimming plugs and worms. Most of Tom's stripers are in the 3 to 5 lb. class and are taken on the incoming tide.

VERPLANCK

Ace & Charlie's reported good crabbing is getting underway. The largemouth fishing at Lake Meaugh is improving. Rebels, Rebel worms and nightcrawlers are best. Perch fishing is excellent.

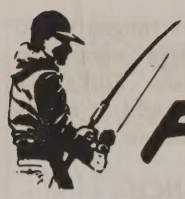
OSSINING

Tony's Bait & Tackle reported fantastic perch fishing at Crawbuckie, Bishops Locks, Scarborough and Ossining Public Dock. Bill Burke recently caught a 5 lb. smallmouth from Croton Lake.

FORT LEE

Ed Graser at the Outdoorsman reported good crabbing and perch fishing at the Interstate Park. Alpine and Ross Dock are the best areas.

Carp and catfish are sitting from Blauvelt Park to Alpine.



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SOUTH SHORE Long Island

SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.		12:46
Fri.	12:57	1:37
Sat.	1:47	2:28
Sun.	2:38	3:20
Mon.	3:33	4:13
Tues.	4:33	5:10
Wed.	5:30	6:03
Thurs.	6:25	6:48

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	-1	18
Indian Reservation	-3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	-3	28
Harts Cove	-1	30
Potunk Point	-3	35
Mastic Beach	-3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	-0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	-3	39
Heckscher State Park	-3	20
Bay Shore	-2	23
Babylon	-2	12
Amityville	-2	21
JONES INLET	+0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
JFK Airport	+0	26
STATEN ISLAND	+0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

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EASTERN LONG ISLAND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	1:44	2:20
Fri.	2:41	3:20
Sat.	3:43	4:19
Sun.	4:46	5:16
Mon.	5:48	6:13
Tues.	6:41	7:01
Wed.	7:30	7:42
Thurs.	8:15	8:25

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	−0	27
Connecticut River	−1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	−0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	9:40	**4:00**	10:10	**4:25**
Fri.	10:40	**4:50**	11:00	**5:15**
Sat.	11:30	**5:40**	11:50	**6:05**
Sun.		**6:20**	12:20	**6:45**
Mon.	12:30	**7:05**	12:55	**7:30**
Tues.	1:15	**7:50**	1:45	**8:15**
Wed.	2:00	**8:35**	2:30	**9:00**
Thurs.	2:45	**9:20**	3:15	**9:45**

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	3:58	4:33
Fri.	4:59	5:36
Sat.	6:04	6:36
Sun.	7:09	7:35
Mon.	8:11	8:30
Tues.	9:06	9:25
Wed.	9:57	10:11
Thurs.	10:44	10:52

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

Long Island SOUND

Long Island Sound
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	3:34	4:06
Fri.	4:29	4:59
Sat.	5:26	5:54
Sun.	6:26	6:49
Mon.	7:23	7:44
Tues.	8:18	8:38
Wed.	9:13	9:27
Thurs.	10:03	10:14

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	−0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	−0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	−0	20
Truman Beach	−0	42

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